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**THE CONCEPTS OF THE BULGARIAN GEOPOLITICAL
REORIENTATION TO THE WEST AFTER 1989**

(Summary)

The article examines the ideological preconditions and traces the development of the process of Bulgarian “opening” to the West in the 1990s. The emphasis on the “western” spatial dimension in the country’s foreign policy after the change of power on November 10, 1989 is purposeful and provoked by the natural logic of historical analysis. In her attempt to outline the ideological parameters of this process, the author places the problem in a broader international context. This has allowed her to look from an unusual angle at known but still poorly studied facts and events of political life in post-socialist Bulgaria, as the country sought its new worthy place in the dynamically changing world order after the end of the inter-bloc confrontation.