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**NEWLY-DISCOVERED OTTOMAN TURKISH DOCUMENTS FOR THE
MINING IN THE BULGARIAN LANDS IN THE 15TH – 17TH CENTURIES**

(Summary)

This research presents new insights into the development of mining in Bulgarian territories during the 15th to 17th centuries, drawing from previously unpublished Ottoman Turkish documents. These documents, sourced from the Ottoman Archives at the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey in Istanbul, offer valuable information on various aspects of mining activity.

The author highlights a significant contribution to scholarly understanding by introducing, for the first time, details about the presence of *kürecis* (individuals responsible for melting ore in furnaces) in Bulgarian lands during the late 15th century. Additionally, the study sheds light on the religious affiliations and demographic shifts among *kürecis* over time, providing a unique perspective on this aspect of mining history.

Furthermore, the research uncovers new data regarding the involvement of Voynuks in security functions within the mines, as well as the participation of Müselems and Yürüks in the ore remelting process. These findings contribute to a deeper understanding of the roles and dynamics within the mining industry during the specified period.

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