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## SUMMER SEMINAR IN BULGARIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR FOREIGN BULGARIAN AND SLAVIC SCHOLARS

(Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", 12 July – 1 August 2026)

### ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER

Dear colleagues,

We are happy to inform you that the 63<sup>rd</sup> Summer Seminar in Bulgarian Language and Culture for Foreign Bulgarian and Slavic Scholars will take place from **12 July to 01 August 2026** at the **Rectorate Building of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"**.

The Seminar is organized by the Faculty of Slavic Philology of Sofia University with the financial support of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The Seminar is intended for teachers, researchers and students of Bulgarian and Slavic studies, for translators and for all those interested in the language, literature, history and culture of Bulgaria.

**Accommodation** will be in the University's halls of residence in the Knyazhevo district, which are easily accessible by public transport. All participants will be provided with public transport travel cards.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on teaching days will be at the Alma Mater restaurant in the University's main building, adjacent to the classrooms.

The daily teaching schedule will be structured as follows:

- mornings:
  - 3 academic hours of practical Bulgarian language for all levels;
- afternoons:
  - 2 academic hours of practical Bulgarian language with an interactive focus for primary levels;
  - 2 academic hours of specialized lectures in Bulgarian language and Bulgarian culture for advanced levels.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Participants can choose between specialized seminars in the following areas: 1) Bulgarian language and translation; 2) Bulgarian literature and culture.

After the end of the daily mandatory classes, the Seminar participants can take advantage of a rich optional cultural program: they will have a choice within a wide range of “workshops,” meetings with writers, visits to museums and galleries, theme walks around Sofia, film screenings, etc., which they can join according to their wishes and interests.

During the weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) there will be two (in total for the entire seminar) day trips outside Sofia, both of them also optional.

Participation in the Seminar (tuition, accommodation, meals and cultural program) is free of charge for those on scholarships from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria (based on cultural programs agreed with the respective country) and from Sofia University (based on the University's direct agreements with universities and institutions abroad). For self-funding participants, the fee is EUR 1200, and for accompanying persons who will not be attending the study sessions – EUR 900. Travel expenses to and from Bulgaria and health insurance must be covered by the participants themselves.

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Summer Seminar in Bulgarian Language and Culture will be held at the following address:

*Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  
15 Tsar Osvoboditel Bld.  
1504 Sofia  
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**ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN DATE: 12 JULY.**

**OPENING DATE: 13 JULY.**

**CLOSING DATE: 31 JULY.**

**DEPARTURE DATE: 01 AUGUST.**

#### **APPLICATION:**

You can apply for participation in the Summer Seminar in the following ways:

- with a scholarship from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria (contact the sending institution for details);
- with a scholarship from Sofia University (contact the [sending institution](#) for details);
- at your own expense: please complete the [application form](#) by **10 May 2026**.

Scholarships and fees cover the cost of tuition, accommodation, meals, excursions and visits to museums in the country. They do NOT include travel expenses to and from Bulgaria, health insurance and medical bills.

WE KINDLY ASK THOSE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR TO COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION FORM BY **10 MAY** 2026. REGISTRATION IS SUBJECT TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE **CONFIRMATION LETTER** WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE BY 15 JUNE 2026 AT THE E-MAIL ADDRESS THEY HAVE PROVIDED.

Seminar Director:  
/Assoc. Prof. Atanas Atanasov, PhD/