

IN THE BEGINNING WAS WATER



3rd Round Table

THE OBSCURED BALKANS

November 27-28, 2025

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the Second Round Table of "The Obscured Balkans" project – **"IN THE BEGINNING WAS WATER "**, which will be held on November **27-28, 2025** in hybrid form at the building of IBSC-T-BAS at 45 Moskovska Street and via Zoom.

Until **September 15, 2025**, you can send participation requests containing the following information:

1. Title (in Bulgarian and English)
2. Name of the author (in Bulgarian and English)
3. Affiliation and address
4. Summary (up to 1800 characters or 350 words)
5. Keywords (up to 5 in Bulgarian and English)
6. Brief CV
7. ORCID number

Along with the participation request, please indicate in what form you will attend - in person or remotely.

Each participant will have 15 minutes to present their paper.

The round tables are inextricably linked to the electronic series "The Obscured Balkans", in which the extended papers of the participants are published. The deadline for submitting articles is **March 2026**.

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Thematic circles:

WATER IS LIFE | From the establishment of the first prehistoric settlements to the urbanization of large modern cities.

THE TAMING OF WATER | From irrigation and aqueducts in Antiquity to the construction of dams in Modernity.

THE PATH OF WATER | Water transport, water trade and ship-building.

CONTROL OVER WATER | Bilateral political relations and geo-strategy, military conflicts and naval battles (Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Danube, Maritsa, etc.).

THE FORCE OF WATER | Natural disasters and cataclysms - damage, prevention and recovery strategies.

WATER IS RELIGION | Religious practices related to water from Antiquity to Modernity.

WATER AS MEDICINE AND AS DEATH | The use of water in medicine and major epidemics.

ON SPA | Hot springs and balneological centers from Antiquity to the present day.

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