

Dear colleagues,

The Research Center for Historical Geography and Historical Demography was founded with the aim of studying the relevant topics regarding the historical geography and demography, in order to encourage the research in those fields of the historical science. The Scientific Council of the Center has decided to start the publication of the thematic collections of papers dedicated to certain important issues within the previously mentioned research fields in the Serbian lands, in the Balkans and in the South-Eastern Europe.

The topic of the first collection of papers would be *Population and geographic surrounding in the South-Eastern Europe (12th – 19th century)*. It is our intention to focus our attention to the interactive relations between the man and his natural surroundings in the above-mentioned historical period. The influence of the natural surrounding was very important in the past and influenced the whole range of the historical events, as well as the destiny of the populations of whole regions (migrations, re-settlements, etc.).

By this letter, we invite all interested researchers to join our project and thus contribute to the developments of researches in the field of history of the population, and historical geography and historical demography in general, both in Serbia and Europe.

The papers should be sent to the Center latest until October 15 2012, to the Secretary of the Center Ms. Jelena Paunović Štermenskim, M.A, by the electronic mail, to the following addresses: is@f.bg.ac.rs or simistic@f.bg.ac.rs.

We appreciate your acceptance of co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

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