

## **On the Dualist Nature of the Bulgarian Civic Festive Calendar**

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(Summary)

The paper puts forward the proposition that today's Bulgarian civic festive calendar may be examined as a system composed not of individual holidays but of corresponding holiday pairs (3 March – 2 June, St. George's Day – St. Michael the Archangel's All Soul's Day, 24 May – 1 November). The holiday pairs have been formed gradually, and in the course of time a 'strong' and a 'weak' holiday came to exist, the former – honouring a supreme community value, whereas the latter – paying respect to the memory of the heroes who devoted their lives to its achievement. The paper makes an attempt to substantiate the thesis that dualism is the leading trend in the development of the festive calendar, which might be observed in its past historical stages as well.

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