Uncertainty during the Displacement and Resettlement from a Dammed Valley

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The resettlement of the inhabitants of the village of Bara, Bulgaria, due to the construction of the 'Aleksandar Stamboliyski' Dam prolongs from 1942 to 1953. During this long period, social and economic life in the village is marked by uncertainty. A number of unpredictabilities, caused mainly by political and economic factors, hinder people from making informed choices and adequate decisions. My research interest is focused on the context that produced uncertainty and on resettlers' worries. The reconstruction is based on archival documents dealing with the resettlement; they include also local complaints.

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