Blog-adaptation of Russian-Speaking Immigrant Women in Bulgaria: Specifics of the Process, Online Behaviour and Identity

Mina Hristova (Summary)

The article proposes to refine the periodisation of Russian and Russianspeaking immigration in Bulgaria. It examines the necessary context, describing changes in motivations and identity projects of these groups from (relatively) 2013 to 2023. The text outlines the specific tool - the blog, reinvented in a modern context – the text highlights the differences between it within the visual platform Instagram and its classical visual version. Thus, some of the main features of Russian-speaking users' own online representations are brought to the fore through the implicit and (counterintuitively) explicit discourses of Russian-speaking users. They focus the analysis on their identifications and the specifics of adaptation and its dynamics, maintaining a sense of community but also accumulating social capital that directly reflects their plans and strategies for the present and future.

Keywords: Russian speakers; Bulgaria; adaptation; Instagram; blogging; identity

Mina Hristova Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum Bulgarian Academy of Sciences 6A Moskovska St. 1000 Sofia, BULGARIA hristova.mina90@gmail.com