

Immigration and the “Garden as a Workshop”: Bulgarian Gardeners in Hungary at the End of the 19th and the Beginning of the 20th Century

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(Summary)

The article presents the specific dimensions of the “garden as a workshop” developed by the Bulgarian immigrant gardeners in Hungary at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century. The importance of various factors (availability of land, water resources and urban markets, etc.) is outlined. These influenced the arrival and settlement of gardeners in the Habsburg Empire, but also – with the new approaches to cultivating the land and placing the produce – testify to a specific process of modernization in the terrain of agriculture. The article highlights the significant role of Bulgarian gardeners in this process, thanks to which they could not only establish themselves and respond to the new social demands, but also laid the foundations for their long-term presence and interaction with Hungarian society.

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