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## **NESTINARSTVO (ANESTENARIA) OR THE MIGRATION OF A RITE: ETHNOLOGICAL PARALLELS BETWEEN BULGARIA AND GREECE**

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**Sažetak predavanja:** The Nestinarstvo (Anestenaria) is a vivid example of the dependence of rituals on their bearers: the extinction of the community spells the death of the ritual in its pure traditional form. It has to be acknowledged, though, that elements of the ritual's DNA are very often taken out of context and prove to be remarkably capable of independent existence as a major tourist attraction. It is the contemporary world's aspirations – though not made explicit – to the sacred that make such transformations possible. The Nestinarstvo fire-dancing rite is a system of customs and rituals in which fire-dancing is the climactic point. However, to study the genesis of the phenomenon and its development in the context of the local culture of the Strandzha region in South-east Bulgaria and Northern Greece one needs to go beyond this climactic point. What are the characteristic features of the custom? It must be stressed that despite the fact that the traditional bearers of the custom believe St Constantine and St Elena to be their patron saints, senior clergy are against it. To remain part of the community parish priests had to adapt to existing traditions but avoided direct participation in them. By the end of 19<sup>th</sup> and the beginning of 20<sup>th</sup> century the Nestinarstvo fire-dancing rite was popular in many Eastern Thrace villages whose population was either Bulgarian or Greek. In the aftermath of the dramatic demographic and political changes that mark the history of the Balkans in the period between 1912 and 1927, the Nestinarstvo rite in Bulgaria was preserved only in the village of Bulgari and in many villages in Northern Greece. The research focuses on the parallels and structure of this migrant rite – an example of conservatism of one local culture.

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