

AN EARLY PROJECT TO CREATE INDICES OF THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL REVIVAL
PERIODICAL PRESS

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At the end of 1944 Professor Christo Gandev drew up a proposal for creating 'Indices by name and matter for the pre-Liberation periodical press' which was most likely presented then at the Bulgarian Historical Society. This proposal has never been published and is not remembered by the present-day historical science despite the fact that it marks precisely the level of achievements in the field of source studies, historical sources publishing and classifying in Bulgaria at the beginning of the 1940s. According to the historian, such indices were necessary for our science because they would help the researchers to find their way in the '*extremely rich literary, cultural, social, political and economic historical materials about our Revival, as well as the great number of interesting records concerning the history of Bulgarian towns*'. In Gandev's opinion, the key subjects which the indices should be created around were: title, publishing date (period), place of publishing, place of preserving (keeping), editor and publisher, topics, etc.

Prof. Gandev's proposal was not realised, possibly due to the changes that happened in the government and science in Bulgaria after 9th September 1944. Yet, it would play its role, even though it is completely forgotten at present. Its influence is evident in the reference book *Bulgarian National Revival Letters* published in 1957 by Manyo Stoyanov. However this book has not accomplished the task set by Prof. Gandev completely. At present, new technologies offer new possibilities for creation and distribution of such kind of reference books.