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Soviet Bloc, Power Struggle, and Social Changes in Syria (mid-1950s – mid-1960s)

(Abstract)

The publication examines the foreign policy assessments and approach of the Soviet Bloc as regards political actors, domestic political struggle and related economic and social changes in Syria in the period from the mid-1950s to the mid-1960s. The study brings to the fore critical questions such as to what extent, in which cases and why that approach was adaptive or active. Visions, methods and means of assisting the communist regimes' favorites to rule Syria are an essential part of the research. Aiming to construct a balanced picture, documents from the archival funds of the most faithful satellite of the Kremlin – the Bulgarian Communist Party, as well as information from the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Cold War period are analyzed in a comparative study with advanced publications on Syria- related topics in the fields of survey.

Keywords: Soviet Bloc, Ba'athists, Syrian, Syrian National Front, Arab Socialism, Arab Nationalism.

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