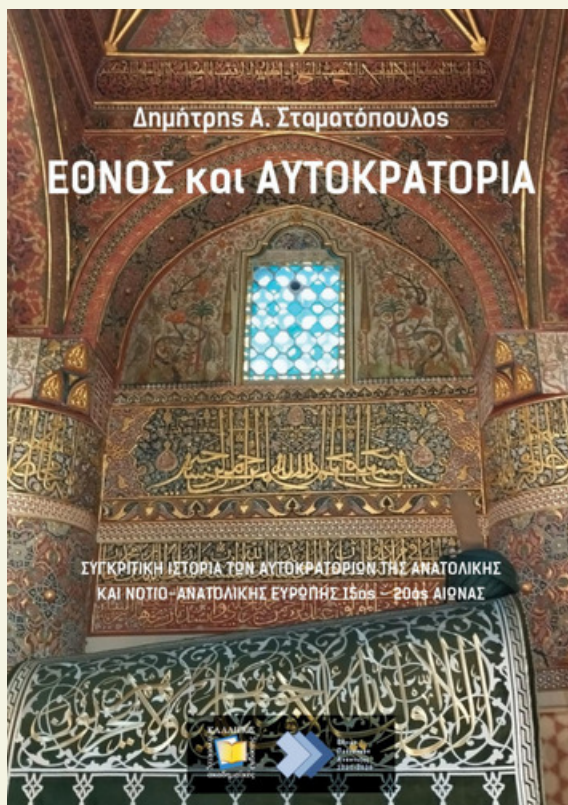




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## Abstract

The monograph concentrates on the history of three empires of Eastern and Southeastern Europe, comparatively: the Austrian, the Russian and the Ottoman, from the time of their emergence as state entities in the 15th century until their dissolution (in the case of the Ottoman and Austrian) or their transformation (in the case of the Russian) at the end of World War I. The main analytical axis that unifies the historical narratives about the three empires is the ways in which they dealt with the problem of the nation and the emergence of national movements, which eventually dissolved them. The project proposes a new periodization of the History of Eastern and Southeastern Europe in four parts, discussing at the beginning of each part, the basic historiographical

problems faced by the historians of each era. The first part is devoted to the construction of these empires as modern states; the second to the age of confessionalizations, that is, the era of the Religious Wars that had a decisive influence on the formation of modern collective identities; the third to the era of reforms, a phase in which all three empires faced the problem of "modernization", that is, their synchronization with the great colonial powers of Western Europe; and finally to the era of the nationalism, the greatest challenge faced by the continental empires of Eastern and Southeastern Europe. All three responded to this challenge with different versions of imperial nationalism, which are also analyzed comparatively.

