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**INVITATION**

**SEMINAR 13** (in English):

**ASSOC. PROF. DR. ANELIA KASSABOVA**

**THE REPRODUCTIVE POLICIES OF SOCIALIST BULGARIA – STRUCTURES,  
PERSONS, STRATEGIES**

**23 February 2023**

**14.00–16.00, hall 204, “Moskovska” street 6A**

**Annotation:** The presentation sets out to explore the contradictory reproductive policies of socialist Bulgaria, the inequalities (gender, ethnic and religious, in terms on capacity to work and productivity), that lay behind the frame of a needs-based health system. It is based on the example of a key figure of Bulgarian socialist political life and health system – Dr Vladimir Kalaydzhiev (1921–2009). Dr Kalaydzhiev’s rich activity in leading positions allows deeper insights into the structures and hierarchies in the Bulgarian Communist Party to follow the changing processes of



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policy making and decision taking. As a high-ranking party and state official, Deputy Chair of the Council for Reproduction of the Human Resources at the State Council of People's Republic of Bulgaria (since 1971), Kalaydzhiev had close contacts within the Soviet bloc, and extensive cooperation with international organizations in which Bulgaria was represented, such as the World Health Organization, the United Nations Population Fund, and various institutions from Western Europe and the then so-called Third World. This provides an opportunity to discuss Bulgarian reproductive policy as part of global policies.



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