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Speaker : This session of the workshop will be dedicated to knowledge and the social representations of the Holocaust in Bulgaria, Greece and North Macedonia – and, more specifically, to assessment of the role of the Bulgarian authorities in the deportation of Jews from the occupied territories of western Thrace, Eastern Macedonia, Vardar Macedonia and Pirot. Several contentious issues will be addressed, including the status of the occupied territories, the relationships between Bulgaria and the Reich, the room to maneuver of the Bulgarian authorities, and the reactions of local societies to the persecution of Jews. The import of the diversity of print and visual sources to throwing lights on these representations will be emphasized, as will be the role of historians and teachers in helping pupils to examine primary documentation.