

**MECHANISMS FOR TRANSFORMATION OF THE LOCAL RELIGIOUS
LANDSCAPE IN THE REGION OF PETRICH**

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Abstract

The religious landscape is one of the important issues whose study contributes to the development of the current researches on religiousness. The article directs the attention to a particular example of local sacred geography in the town of Petrich, Southwest Bulgaria, and at the same time outlines processes typical not only to this case but to the local religiousness in Bulgaria after 1989 in general. The study focuses on the development and the contemporary mechanisms for transformation of the holy places and the cults related to them. The text presents the main changes which come in the religious landscape of the region of Petrich in historical aspect after 1989.