MONARCHY AND REPUBLIC IN FRANCISCO DE MIRANDA'S BALKAN TRAVELOGUES

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The current article examines the „Balkan diaries" of one of the most famous revolutionaries at the turn of the nineteenth century, the Venezuelan Creole Francisco de Miranda, with a particular emphasis on his views toward monarchical and republican rule. The article argues that Miranda's 1786 trip to the Balkans was an important turning point in his turn against „despotic" monarchical power and his embrace of republicanism.

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