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# Argument

**T**HE PAPERS intended for this section of the volume seek to bring to the attention of researchers, but also of the general public, the results of the research activities of some established scientists, as well as of some young researchers making their entry into the scientific field.

The collaboration between the three universities, the University of Oradea, the State University of Moldova and the University of Padua, has become a tradition and draws its roots from the partnership whose foundations were laid over more than two decades by the historians and philologists of the mentioned academic institutions. This scientific cooperation endured and has been fruitful even during the pandemic thanks to the courage of the Silviu Dragomir Center for Interdisciplinary Studies Chişinău–Oradea, which set out to overcome the terrible conditions and restrictions and to shorten the distances between the members of the academic communities, so that they could present, disseminate and promote their scientific research results, strengthening the scholarly relationships and collaborations.

We mention in this context the efforts made by historians and philologists focused on different historical periods. Medieval historians approached, analyzed and reinterpreted various aspects of the medieval history of the Romanians, of Romanian politics and the Romanian spirituality in the Middle Ages. Acclaimed historians dealt with unknown or controversial topics pertaining to the history of Bessarabia in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the Romanian territories in the area of interest of the Great Powers—topics that are always current for all those interested in the fate of Romanians in the century of nationalities. In addition to the research that offers us new approaches and interpretations of some aspects of the history of Bessarabia in the era of modernization, the studies are based on research carried out in archives which, in turn, can lead to other scientific endeavors. Another topic addressed was the concept of Romanian resistance in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Historians have addressed unknown topics of Romanian history in the dramatic “short century”—from the Romanian resistance on the western border in the interwar period to the role of the Romanian security services outside the Romanian borders, and the Sovietization and Russification policies in the Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic, assiduously delving into archives which until recently have been out of reach. The cause of historians was joined by researchers from other fields, which are actually related to historical science. Thus, the role of the historical-cultural and geographical heritage in the preservation and promotion of historical memory is also being discussed. Furthermore, the role of Latinity and Romanianness in the diaspora and the communities outside the Romanian borders is emphasized, the authors bringing back into the academic discussion the endurance of Romanianism in the diaspora. The studies emphasize how

Romanianness has been kept alive in the spaces inhabited by Romanians and preserved in other parts where Romanians live in compact communities.

The studies in the present volume constitute one part of the series of effective and affective contributions of scholars engaged in maintaining a significant relationship between the Latin peoples.



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