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Research project with the title

The Abolitionist Movement in the Context of Civil and Political Emancipation in Modern Romania , project code: PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0655

The activities performed by the research team in the period 15 December 2011-5 December 2012 are the ones proposed in the project plan.

Documentation

Most of the work time from 2012 was spent for documentation, as this project is mainly built on unpublished archive materials and epoch publications, especially press articles, which must be taken from various archives and libraries.

In the first part of the year we worked mainly on the Central Historical National Archives (ANIC), in order to conclude the research at the archive funds created by the central institutions of the principality of Moldavia, before they were transferred to the archive in Iași (in June current year). Here we also continued the investigation of the archive funds created by the institutions of Wallachia and, after 1859, of Romania, as well as the personal archives of personalities from the epoch that we are dealing with. The work at ANIC was made by Viorel Achim, Venera Achim and Raluca Tomi. We also worked at two county departments of the National Archives

where there are materials useful for the topics emancipation of Gypsies and abolitionism: Iași (Cătălin Turliuc) and Vâlcea (Viorel Achim, Venera Achim). Of critical importance is, of course, the archive from Iași, housing the funds created by the central institutions of Moldavian principality. Other places where we studied manuscripts were the Romanian Academy Library (BAR) (Raluca Tomi, Venera Achim), the National Library of Romania (BNR) (Raluca Tomi) and the University Central Library (BCU) in Iași (Cătălin Turliuc). At the activity of documentation in archives and in the collections of manuscripts of libraries, all research team members participated.

At BAR we worked with Romanian and foreign press from the 19th century, from where we extracted numerous materials.

The documentation work in the libraries was especially made at BAR, BNR, the library of the "Nicolae Iorga" Institute of History in Bucharest, and at BCU Iași.

The research stays made by Venera Achim and Raluca Tomi in Paris (France) and by Raluca Tomi in Torino (Italy) focused on the matter of contacts between the Romanian abolitionists and Western intellectuals in the period 1830-1860, some of them being involved in the abolitionist movement in France or England.

Cătălin Turliuc worked in the country in libraries from Iași, Bucharest and Târgu Mureș, and abroad in London, where he dealt with the issues of slavery and abolitionism in various countries of the world and the process of civil and political emancipation of different minorities during the 19th century. Viorel Achim worked on the project's topic in various libraries in Germany.

We maintained the division of work within the team, in respect that each researcher followed particular topic and issues, in order to avoid the intersections. There are themes though where two or three researchers worked together on documentaries, just like the publication of results shall be made together, in materials signed by two or three researchers.

The volume of epoch texts

One of the main publications of the project shall be a collection of texts written by Romanian abolitionists. On this volume Viorel Achim, Venera Achim and Raluca Tomi worked. The selection of materials included here is largely concluded and the editing of part of the volume was made. It is an important corpus gathering numerous texts which were published in the epoch, but they were no longer re-edited and thus they did not have a circulation in the Romanian culture and historiography, being practically unknown. They are revealing for the movement of ideas in the 1848 epoch. Through the selection made our volume thus have a recovering character as well. There are here unpublished texts as well, which we took from archives and collections of manuscripts that we investigated. It shall be a critical edition, provided with extended notes and an introductory study.

Data base

The data base the team working on this project disposes of was significantly enriched with new archive documents accumulated and copies of press articles from mid-19th century, epoch publications or newer ones, including electronic format materials. Here we have also materials that we brought from libraries and archives from abroad.

Dissemination of the research findings

Although, given the specific of the project, the activity of documentation was a priority in this year, we got to disseminate part of our work so far by presenting papers in different conferences and elaborating articles that we proposed for publishing and which were accepted.

In 2012 we presented a number of **11 papers** at conferences in the country or abroad:

1. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Modernizare și schimbarea paradigmei sociale" [Modernization and change of the social paradigm] - paper at the 4th edition of the Symposium "Prof. Ioan Nemeș" , Suceava, 4 May 2012.
2. Cătălin TURLIUC: "A Triptych of Modernity: Abolitionism, Emancipation and Equality" - paper at the ISSA International Conference of Applied Sciences, organized by the Western University Timișoara, Timișoara, 18-19 June 2012.
3. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Emancipare și asociaționism în spațiul românesc în a doua jumătate a secolului al XIX-lea" [Emancipation and Associationism in the Romanian Space in the Second Half of the 19th Century] - paper at the International scientific symposium "Associationism and National Progress in Bukovina in the 19th-20th Centuries. 150 Years from the Foundation of the Society for Romanian Culture and Literature in Bukovina" [Associationism and National Progress in Bukovina in the 19th-20th Centuries. 150th Years Anniversary of the Society for Romanian Culture and Literature in Bukovina], organized by the Romanian Academy - the "Bukovina" Institute Rădăuți, the "A.D. Xenopol" Institute of History Iași, the "Ștefan cel Mare" University Suceava and the Society for Romanian Culture and Literature in Bukovina, Rădăuți (Romania) and Czernowitz (Ukraine), 28-29 June 2012.
4. Viorel ACHIM: "Social and Ethnic Aspects in the Projects for the Emancipation of Gypsies from Slavery: Romanian Principalities, mid-19th Century" - paper at the Conference on Gypsy Studies, organized by the Gypsy Lore Society, Istanbul, Turkey, 20-23 September 2012.
5. Raluca TOMI: "Arhivele personale surse pentru studiul istoriei sociale din Principate: cazul Paul Bataillard" [The Personal Archives as Sources for Studying the Social History of the Romanian Principalities: The Case Paul Bataillard] - paper at the International Conference "Archives, History and Politics in Romania during the 19th-21st Centuries", organized by the National Archives of Romania, Bucharest, 21-22 September 2012.
6. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Emancipation and Modernisation: Minorities in Romanian Trade during the Second Half of the 19th Century" - paper at the International Colloquium "By-Passing Periphery: South-Eastern European Economy and Its Convergences to the Core. Routes and Goods, Actors and Factors (16th-19th Centuries)", organized by the Faculty of History, Philosophy and Theology - Department of History and the Centre for Danubian Studies of the Lower Danube University of Galați, Galați, 18-20 October 2012
7. Viorel ACHIM: "A Particular Trade: Boyars in the Romanian Principalities Purchasing Gypsies (Slaves) from Neighbouring Countries, 17th-19th Centuries" - paper at the International Colloquium "By-Passing Periphery: South-Eastern European Economy and Its Convergences to the Core. Routes and Goods, Actors and Factors (16th-19th Centuries)", organized by the Faculty of History, Philosophy and Theology - Department of History and the Centre for Danubian Studies of the Lower Danube University of Galați, Galați, 18-20 October 2012.
8. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Aboliționism și emancipare în procesul modernizării" [Abolitionism

and Emancipation in the Process of Modernization] - paper at the discussion meeting "Emancipare și aboliționism în România modernă și contemporană" [Emancipation and Abolitionism in Modern and Contemporary Romania], within the Academic Days, Romanian Academy - Iași Branch, Iași 22 October 2012.

9. Venera ACHIM: "Maître et esclaves vus par les voyageurs étrangers dans les Principautés Roumaines pendant la première moitié du XIXe siècle" - paper at the international colloquium "Femmes d'extérieur. Les déplacements féminins dans la littérature et les relations du voyage", organized by the Heterotopos Research Center, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, 16 November 2012.

10. Raluca TOMI: "Influența iluminismului francez asupra mișcării aboliționiste: cazul Jean Jacques Rousseau" [The Influence of the French Enlightenment on the Abolitionist Movement: The Case of Jean Jacques Rousseau] - paper at the colloquium "Jean Jacques Rousseau și rousseuismul la 300 de ani de la naștere: o lectură critică" [Jean Jacques Rousseau and the Rousseauism at 300 Years from the His Birth: A Critic Lecture], organized at the "Nicolae Iorga" Institute of History, Bucharest, 19 November 2012.

11. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Games within Frontiers: Memory of Citizenship in Interwar Romania" - paper at the International Conference "Regions of Memory. A Comparative Perspective on Eastern Europe", organized by the Institute of Sociology, Warsaw University, and Osteuropa-Institute, Freie Universität Berlin, Warsaw, Poland, 24-28 November 2012.

We delivered and they were accepted to be published a number of **seven articles and studies** :

1. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Abolitionism, Emancipation and Equality: A Tragedy of Modernity" - articol în *Applied Social Sciences Economics and Politics*, vol. 5, Cambridge Scholars Publishing (forthcoming 2013).

2. Raluca TOMI: "Un aboliționist francez și scrierile sale despre robii țigani din spațiul românesc: Paul Bataillard" [A French Abolitionist and His Writings About the Gypsy Slaves in the Romanian Space: Paul Bataillard]. In: *Revista Istorică*, XXIII (2012), nos. 5-6 (forthcoming).

3. Raluca TOMI: "Arhivele personale - surse pentru studiul istoriei sociale din Principate: cazul Paul Bataillard" [The Personal Archives as Sources for Studying the Social History of the Romanian Principalities: The Case of Paul Bataillard]. In: vol. *Arhive, istorie și politică în România secolelor XIX-XXI. Comunicările conferinței internaționale organizate de Arhivele Naționale ale României în septembrie 2012* 21-22 (forthcoming 2013).

4. Venera ACHIM: "Instituționalizarea statisticii - un aspect al modernizării Principatelor Române (1831-1862)" [The Institutionalization of Statistics - An Aspect of the Modernization of Romanian Principalities (1831-1862)]. In: *Studii și Materiale de Istorie Modernă* (forthcoming).

5. Viorel ACHIM: "A Particular Trade: Boyars in the Romanian Principalities Purchasing Gypsies (Slaves) from Neighbouring Countries, 17th-19th Centuries" In: *Revista Istorică*, XXIV (2013) (forthcoming).

6. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Emancipation and Modernisation: Minorities in Romanian Trade during the Second Half of the 19th Century" In: *Revista Istorică*, XXIV (2013) (forthcoming).

7. Venera ACHIM: "Maître et esclaves vus par les voyageurs étrangères dans les Principautés Roumaines pendant la première moitié du XIXe siècle"; In: vol. *Femmes d'extérieur. Les déplacements féminins dans la littérature et les relations du voyage*, Bucharest, 2013 (forthcoming).

Other several articles are in the final stage of their drafting and they shall be capitalized in 2013.

An activity developed by our research project in collaboration with the "A.D. Xenopol" Institute of History Iași was the **debate "Emancipare și aboliționism în România modernă și contemporană"** [Emancipation and Abolitionism in Modern and Contemporary Romania], which took place during the Academic Days, in Iași, on **22 October 2012**. Cătălin Turliuc (member of the research group) was the organizer and moderator, and the participants were historians.

The Internet page

Our research team has its own site (www.iini-minorities.ro), where the project is presented and the activities so far are listed. The site is thought to provide a better visibility of the project and favor the contacts with possible partners in the country and abroad. The information on the site is in Romanian and English.

We consider that the activity developed by our research group in the period December 2011-December 2012 went according to the planning and that the results obtained until now are a premise for an original high quality research on an important subject for the actual preoccupations of the global historiography.

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