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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 developed by the research team in the period 5 December 2012-4 December 2013 are the ones included in the project plan, the version from the Additional act no. 1/2013.

#### **Documentation**

In the conditions where this research project is mainly built on unpublished archive materials and on epoch publications, and their volume is big, in 2013 we continued the documentation work. We worked in various archives in the country, especially at the National Central Historical Archives (ANIC) and in two county archives: ADJAN Iași and ANDJ Botoșani. Other places where we searched documents and manuscripts were the Romanian Academy Library (BAR), the Romanian National Library, the University Central Library (BCU) Iași and several private collections. The epoch press and other older or newer publications were consulted at BAR, in the library of the “Nicolae Iorga” Institute of History, BCU Iași, BCU Cluj and a number of smaller libraries. At the documentation activity in archives and libraries in the country, all research team members participated.

Research stays in archives abroad were made by: Viorel Achim at the Centre des Archives diplomatiques de Nantes (20 August-3 September 2013) and Geheimes Staatsarchiv PK Berlin (15-28 September 2013); Venera Achim at Archives diplomatiques La Courneuve, Paris, and at the Centre des Archives diplomatiques de Nantes (11 August-3 September 2013); Raluca Tomi at the National Archives of Torino (7-21 September 2013); and Dan-Nagy Pienaru in the archives of Istanbul and Ankara, especially the Archive of the Ministry of Exterior (23 July-25 August 2013). The stays abroad were used to study the most recent literature regarding the slavery, abolitionism and emancipation in the Western world as well.

We kept the work division within the team, in respect that every researcher followed certain topics and issues, in order to avoid intersections. There are issues though where two or three researchers have been working together on documentation, on elaborating studies or editing.

### **Elaboration of studies and books**

In parallel with the activity of documentation, researchers worked on elaborating studies and books representing the main productions of the project.

In 2013 the great effort was granted to the work on the two books in Romanian, which, along with the volume in English (on which we shall work in 2014), gathers the main results of the research:

1) The volume ***Aboliționismul românesc. Textele*** [The Romanian Abolitionism. The Texts], which is an anthology of texts written by Romanian abolitionists (volume editat de Venera Achim, Viorel Achim și Raluca Tomi);

2) The **monograph volume** regarding the Romanian abolitionism (for which we do not have a final title yet) - on which we shall work in 2014 as well.

### **Conferences organized within the research project**

In 2013 we organized **two scientific conferences** within the project:

**1. The conference “Social and institutional modernization in the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1859”**, developed by the “Nicolae Iorga” Institute of History, Bucharest, **10-11 October 2013**. 20 participants. The scientific organizers of the conference: Viorel Achim, Venera Achim and Raluca Tomi. The papers presented in this conference shall be published in a volume: *Modernizare socială și instituțională în Principatele Române, 1831-1859* [Social and Institutional Modernization in the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1859]. Edited by Venera ACHIM and Viorel ACHIM. Bucharest: Editura Academiei Române, 2014 (forthcoming).

**2. The International Conference “The Status of Minorities in the Balkans, 1814-1914”**, unfolded by the “Nicolae Iorga” Institute of History, Bucharest, **7-9 November 2013**

. The conference was organized the “Nicolae Iorga” Institute of History, Bucharest (through our research group) and Pasts, Inc., Center for Historical Studies, Budapest. 14 participants, from Romania, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, and Turkey. The scientific organizers of the conference: Viorel Achim and Constantin Iordachi.

## Dissemination of partial results of the research

### 1. Papers at scientific conferences

During 2013 we presented a number of **17 papers** in conferences in the country (15) or abroad (2); six papers from the first category were presented in international conferences organized in Romania. The 17 communications are the following:

1. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Emanciparea civilă și politică în procesul modernizării României în secolul al XIX-lea" [Civil and political emancipation in the process of modernization of Romania during the 19th century] - paper at the 35th national scientific meeting "Acta Moldaviae Meridionalis", organized by the "Ștefan cel Mare" County Museum in Vaslui, Vaslui, 6-7 December 2012.

2. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Emancipare națională și civilă în vremea domniei lui Alexandru Ioan Cuza" [National and civil emancipation during the reign of Alexandru Ioan Cuza] - paper at the 2nd edition of the national symposium "Tribute to the Makers of the Unification [of 1859]", organized by the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Association, the "Moldova" National Museum Complex, Muzeul Unirii and the "A. D. Xenopol" Institute of History, Iași, 23 January 2013.

3. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Alexandru Ioan Cuza și rolul său în procesul emancipator din România modernă" [Alexandru Ioan Cuza and his role in the emancipatory process in modern Romania] - paper at the symposium "Unification of the the Principalities - Idea and Deed", organized by the "A. D. Xenopol" Institute of History, the Faculty of History of the "Al. I. Cuza" University Iași, and Muzeul Unirii, Iași, 24 January 2013.

4. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Conflict identitar și statalitate în spațiul românesc din perioada modernă" [Identity conflict and statehood in Romanian space in the modern time] - paper at the scientific meeting "95 Years from the Unification of Bessarabia with Romania", organized by the Institute for History, State and Law of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, the "A.D. Xenopol" Institute of History in Iași, the Academy of Music and Fine Arts of the Republic of Moldova, the "Mihai Eminescu" Romanian Cultural Institute in Chișinău, and the Association of the Historians from the Republic of Moldova, Chișinău, 27 March 2013.

5. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Aboliționism și emancipare în societatea românească din secolul al XIX-lea" [Abolitionism and emancipation in the Romanian society in the 19th century] - paper at the international symposium "15 Years of Political Sciences at Petre Andrei University Iași", Iași, 29-30 May 2013.

6. Cătălin TURLIUC: "România - Modernizare și Europeanizare" [Romania - Modernization and Europeanization] - lecture in the series "Personalities from Iași in Bicăz", moderator Silviu Vacaru, Bicăz, 4 June 2013.

7. Viorel ACHIM: "The issue of the marriages between freemen and slaves in Moldavia in the last decades of slavery" - paper at the International Conference "Intermarriage throughout History", organized by the "Babeș-Bolyai" University - Centre for Population Studies, the Romanian Academy - Center for Transylvanian Studies, the Romanian Society for Historical Demography, and the International Commission for Historical Demography, Cluj-Napoca, 5-8 June 2013.

8. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Towards Modernity: Abolitionism and Emancipation in Romania" - paper at the International Conference EUBSR 2013 (European Union and Black Sea Regions), organized by "Dimitrie Cantemir" Christian University, Bucharest, 6-8 June 2013.

9. Raluca TOMI: "L'abolizionismo nel dibattito dei *leader* romeni e italiani (1830-1865)&quot; - paper at Convegno romeno-italiano din studi storici "Italia e Romania tra XIX e XX secolo: relazioni, convergenze, contrasti&quot;; organized by the Italian Cultural Institute in Bucharest and the University of Bucharest, Bucharest, 28 June 2013.

10. Viorel ACHIM: "Social Changes in the Process of Emancipation of Gypsies from Slavery: Romanian Principalities, mid-19th Century&quot; - paper at the Annual Conference of the Gypsy Lore Society on Gypsy Studies, Glasgow, Great Britain, 12-13 September 2013.

11. Venera ACHIM: "Proprietarii de robi și dezrobirea&quot; [The slave owners and the emancipation] - paper at the conference "Social and Institutional Modernization in the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1859&quot;; organized by the "Nicolae Iorga&quot; Institute of History, Bucharest, 10-11 October 2013.

12. Viorel ACHIM: "Mutații de ordin social în ce privește populația țigănească în epoca dezrobirii&quot; [Social changes in the Gypsy population in the period of emancipation] - paper at the conference "Social and Institutional Modernization in the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1859&quot;; organized by the "Nicolae Iorga&quot; Institute of History, Bucharest, 10-11 October 2013.

13. Raluca TOMI: "Mișcarea aboliționistă și opinia publică din Principatele Române - căi și mijloace de influențare&quot; [Abolitionist Movement and Public Opinion in the Romanian Principalities - ways and means of influencing] - paper at the conference "Social and Institutional Modernization in the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1859&quot;; organized by the "Nicolae Iorga&quot; Institute of History, Bucharest, 10-11 October 2013.

14. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Emancipare, occidentalizare și transfer normativ la mijlocul secolului al XIX-lea în societatea românească&quot; [Emancipation, Westernization and normative transfer in the Romanian Society in mid-19th century] - paper at the conference "Social and Institutional Modernization in the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1859&quot;; organized by the "Nicolae Iorga&quot; Institute of History, Bucharest, 10-11 October 2013.

15. Viorel ACHIM: "Slavery and Emancipation in the Romanian Principalities in mid-19th Century&quot; - paper at the International conference "The Status of Minorities in the Balkans, 1814-1914&quot;; organized by the "Nicolae Iorga&quot; Institute of History, Bucharest and Pasts, Inc., Center for Historical Studies, CEU Budapest, Bucharest, 8-9 November 2013.

16. Raluca TOMI: "Abolitionist Movement in the Romanian Principalities: Influences, Characteristics&quot; - paper at the International conference "The Status of Minorities in the Balkans, 1814-1914&quot;; organized by the "Nicolae Iorga&quot; Institute of History, Bucharest and Pasts, Inc., Center for Historical Studies, CEU Budapest, Bucharest, 8-9 November 2013.

17. Cătălin TURLIUC: "The Civil and Political Emancipation in Modern Romania&quot; - paper at the International conference "The Status of Minorities in the Balkans, 1814-1914&quot;; organized by the "Nicolae Iorga&quot; Institute of History, Bucharest and Pasts, Inc., Center for Historical Studies, CEU Budapest, Bucharest, 8-9 November 2013.

## 2. Scientific studies and articles

In 2013 we delivered for publication in scientific journals or collective volumes a number of **eight articles and studies**

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1. Viorel ACHIM: "The Issue of the Marriages between Freeman and Gypsy Slaves in Moldavia in the Last Decades of Slavery&quot; - article for *Romani Studies*.

2. Venera ACHIM: "The Implementation of the Law for Emancipation from Slavery in Moldavia (1855): A Case Study"; In: *Transylvanian Review* (forthcoming).
3. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Emanciparea civilă și politică în procesul modernizării României în secolul al XIX-lea"; [The Civil and Political Emancipation in the Process of Modernization of Romania in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century]. In: *Acta Moldaviae Meridionalis*, XXXIV (2013) (forthcoming).
4. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Towards Modernity: Abolitionism and Emancipation in Romania"; In: vol. *EUBSR 2013 International Conference* (forthcoming).
5. Venera ACHIM: "Proprietarii de robi și dezrobirea"; [The Slave Owners and the Emancipation]. In: *Modernizare socială și instituțională în Principatele Române, 1831-1859* [Social and Institutional Modernization in the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1859]. Edited by Venera Achim and Viorel Achim. Bucharest: Editura Academiei Române, 2014 (forthcoming).
6. Viorel ACHIM: "Transformări sociale în cadrul populației țigănești în epoca dezrobirii"; [Social Changes within the Gypsy Population in the Period of Emancipation]. In: *Modernizare socială și instituțională în Principatele Române, 1831-1859* [Social and Institutional Modernization in the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1859]. Edited by Venera Achim and Viorel Achim. Bucharest: Editura Academiei Române, 2014 (forthcoming).
7. Raluca TOMI: "Mișcarea aboliționistă și opinia publică din Principatele Române - mijloace de influențare"; [Abolitionist Movement and Public Opinion in the Romanian Principalities - Means of Influencing]. In: *Modernizare socială și instituțională în Principatele Române, 1831-1859* [Social and Institutional Modernization in the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1859]. Edited by Venera Achim and Viorel Achim. Bucharest: Editura Academiei Române, 2014 (forthcoming).
8. Cătălin TURLIUC: "Emancipare, occidentalizare și transfer normativ la mijlocul secolului al XIX-lea în societatea românească"; [Emancipation, Westernization and normative transfer in the Romanian Society in mid-19th century]. In: *Modernizare socială și instituțională în Principatele Române, 1831-1859* [Social and Institutional Modernization in the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1859]. Edited by Venera Achim and Viorel Achim. Bucharest: Editura Academiei Române, 2014 (forthcoming).

Several other articles are in the final stage of the elaboration and will be published in 2014.

### 3. Scientific debate, Iași, 31 October 2013

Our research project organized in collaboration with the "A.D. Xenopol" Institute of History from Iași the scientific debate "**Abolitionism, Emancipation and Civil Society in Romania, the 19th-20th Centuries**", which took place within the Academic Days, in Iași, on **31 October 2013**

. The organizer and moderator was Cătălin Turliuc (member of the research group). Another member of the research group who participated at the debate was Venera Achim.

#### The Internet page

Our research team has its own site ( [www.iini-minorities.ro](http://www.iini-minorities.ro) ), where the project is presented and the activities so far are registered. The site is thought to provide a better visibility of the project and favor the contacts with researchers interested from the country and abroad. All the information on the site is in Romanian and English.

I consider that the activity developed by this research group in the period December 2012-December 2013 went on according to the plan. We have disseminated in form of publications part of our research findings, and in 2014 we shall conclude and publish the monographic volume about the Romanian abolitionism and the study volume in English, on the same theme. We believe that the results obtained so far are proving the original character and the high quality of our research on a topic important for the actual preoccupations of the world historiography.

Bucharest, 4 December 2013

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