

**ROMANIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL THEORY
OF LAW AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF LAW
IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE XXth CENTURY**

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Abstract. *It is of utmost importance that the evolution of the general theory and philosophy of law in the first half of the XXth century establishes their scientific and philosophical foundation within the framework of the juridical culture and practice of the epoch, bringing a valuable contribution to the field of the national and European legal doctrine which is valid even nowadays. Moreover, we can also state that the evolution of the general theory and philosophy of law during this interval coincided with the realization of the ideals of national unity and of a modern, democratic society in Romania. Outstanding personalities such as Nicolae Titulescu, Mircea Djuvara, Dumitru Drăghicescu a.s.o. contributed to the fulfilment of these ideals both through their scientific work and their juridical, political or diplomatic activity.*

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The beginnings of the philosophy of law in Romania coincide, in Giorgio Del Vecchio's opinion, with "the awakening of the national feeling of unity, based on the idea of the Romanian origin of the nation,"¹ some of the chroniclers of the XVIIth and XVIIIth centuries being "genuine public law philosophers." At the same time, the codification work done by some XIXth century jurists (C. Flechtenmacher, C. Bosianu, V. Boerescu) is highly appreciated. During this epoch of spiritual revival an important role was played by Simion Bărnuțiu, a philosophy of law professor in Iași, the founder of a natural and private law system.

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¹ Giorgio Del Vecchio, *Lecții de filosofie juridică (A Few Juridical Philosophy Lessons)*, Europa Nova Publishing House, 1995. p. 165.