

**AROMANIAN REPRESENTATIVES OF ENLIGHTENMENT
(THE LATE 18TH AND EARLY 19TH CENTURIES) – CAVALIOTI,
DANIIL, UCUTA, ROJA, AND BOIAGI**

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Abstract. The study examines the writings of intellectuals and scientists of Aromanian origin which showed in their writings – under the influence of the ideas of the Enlightenment – not only the Latin origin of Vlachs in the Balkans, and that they should develop a language and own nationality. Is about three Aromanian scholars from the second half of the 18th century, originating in the city Moscopole (Teodor Cavalioti, Daniil Moscopolean, Constantin Ucuta); and about the writings of two scholars (Gheorghe C. Roja, Michael G. Boiagi) from the early 19th centuries, in the works which shows the common origin of the descendants from North and South Danube of the Eastern Romanity.

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Among the large tomes that made up the libraries of scientists from Transylvanian Enlightenment, or had been consulted, e.g. Petru Maior¹, there were without doubt also works by Aromanian scholars from the second half of the 18th century² – within what was called (still, through certain mimesis) *the first*

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¹ “Despite the preservation of two lists of the books existing once in Maior’s library, reading his linguistic culture still can be a difficult enterprise. This is because *he used a wider bibliographical area* (emphasis mine) than the one which is found in the mentioned lists” – Maria Protase, *Petru Maior: un ctitor de conștiințe*, Editura Minerva, București, 1973, p. 261.

² About them, see the fundamental scientific work – Nistor Bardu, *Limba scrierilor aromânești de la sfârșitul secolului al XVIII-lea (Cavalioti, Daniil, Ucuta)*, Partea I: *Aspecte ale grafiei. Fonetica*, Ovidius University Press, Constanța, 2004 /226 pp./; also – Idem, *The First Aromanian Writers and Their Relationship with the Greek Language*, in xxx *Lucrările Simpozionului Internațional Cartea. Romania-Europa. Ediția a II-a, 20-23 septembrie 2009* (550 de ani de la prima atestare documentară a orașului București), Editura Biblioteca Bucureștilor, București, 2009, pp. 753-766; Idem, *Eighteenth Century Aromanians Writers: The Enlightenment and the Awakening of National and Balkan Consciousness*, in Adina Ciugureanu, Mihaela Irimia, Eduard Vlad (eds.), *Balkan Cultural Identities*. Edited by... (Ovidius University Constanța. Center of Cross-Cultural Studies), Ovidius University Press, Constanța, 2006, pp. 257-268 (also – in „Philologica Jassiensia”, III, 1, 2007, pp. 93-102).