

## TUDOR VLADIMIRESCU'S ARMY - NUCLEUS OF THE MODERN ROMANIAN ARMY

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**Abstract.** The 19th century was characterised by a deepening and diversification of the movements of European peoples oppressed by the great empires for national and social liberation. The French Revolution opened up the whole period of this century, and a wave of revolutions swept through almost the entire European continent, leading to the period being described as *the 'century of revolutions'* or the *'century of nations'*.

Tudor Vladimirescu was the exponent of the Romanian people's long-standing aspirations, the great personality produced by the Romanian realities of the early 19th century, who contributed to the acceleration of events and was at the forefront of the revolution.

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The Romanian principalities, being no exception to this rule, were also dominated by a double exploitation, internally, the social one, by the great landowners, and externally, by the Ottoman domination through the Phanariot dominions for Moldavia and Muntenia and the Habsburg imperial one for the Principality of Transylvania.

As a result of the deepening contradictions in the Romanian society since the beginning of the 19th century, the Habsburg and Phanariot, against the background of the hardening of exploitation at its peak, will join the general European revolutionary wave (the uprising of the Balkan peoples, but also of the oppressed peoples of the centre and south-east of the continent, the Romanian revolutionary movement, led by Tudor Vladimirescu).

Deeply rooted in the Romanian realities of the era of the **Revolution of 1821**, it was part of the wave of revolt and social and national movements that swept the European continent from Spain to the Ottoman Empire and across the Atlantic Ocean to Latin America.

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