

THE BORDERS OF GREATER ROMANIA

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Motto:

*I dedicate this study to the Centenary of the Great Union,
as sign of profound respect, admiration and gratitude
that I feel for all those who sacrificed themselves so that we,
their descendants, can rejoice in the mighty realization
of this centuries-old dream of Romanians.*

Abstract. The importance of state frontiers is outlined by the evolution of international life, even these days, when the European Union faces waves of immigrants coming from Asia, which is a hard test for the viability of the European Union. Thus, any underestimation of the role frontiers play in the relationships between states, as well as their effects on human beings, has nothing to do with reality, and the slogans that go before realities are disqualifying; a world in which there is circulation of people and communication between them – facilitated and encouraged by the state – is not necessarily a world without frontiers, but a world with properly operating ones.

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1. A discourse on frontiers – *limes* (state frontiers, especially) – an analysis, a presentation, a few comments or mere references to the topic – could be considered, now, when EU no longer requires any controls within its internal borders, as something unusual, amiss and anachronistic, by Europe enthusiasts – people of the world, claiming to be modern, advanced and without prejudice, when in fact – this is my opinion, of course – their vision is ordinary, superficial and even infatuated, wishy-washy and worse. The mere use of the word **frontier** has – due to the significance, the meaning it received in our minds, as well as its consequences – a disconcerting echo, causing a flinch (bringing to mind unpleasant or difficult moments in our lives) when we hear it, due to the fact that various important events – sometimes tragic, like the beginning of a war, the amendment of a frontier, and sometimes joyous, like the fulfilment of grand ideals – the unification of a nation, the restoration of the territory of a country etc. – are connected to it; even the fact that we have to be careful when we approach the

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