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**Abstract:** Among the numerous instances of grammaticalization of the verb “to want” – generally known as a strong characteristic feature in the Balkan idioms – in Romanian, there is one distinctly marked by its historical status, namely the fusion between the 3rd pers. singular present indicative, *va* (< late lat. *volēt*) and the conjunction *să* (< lat. *si*). Its result, *săva*, has been an Old Daco-Romanian word with many meanings and functions, as reflected in its various usages during the 16<sup>th</sup> century, when *săva* appeared mostly prefixed to relatives in order to express an indefinite meaning, but also as a restrictive adverb, as an appositive reformulation marker and even as a disjunctive conjunction. This variety was sensibly reduced in the next century, when the pronominal and adverbial usage occurred rarely, whereas the concessive connector *săva(i) că* (with a periphrastic variant resulting from the grammaticalization of the 2nd pers. of the verb instead of its 3<sup>rd</sup> person: *să veri că*) had a noticeable expansion in the syntax of many cultural areas. This change of function and usage was followed by an abrupt decline after the year 1700; *săva(i)* survived only as a philological oddity or as a desemantized and fossilized relic in the popular poetry. The inner structure of *săvai că* (with its marginal “variant” *să veri că*) is repeated in the Albanian conjunction *ndonëse* – which otherwise is neatly opposed to the Romanian structure by being currently used nowadays. Although *săvai că* and *ndonëse* are etymologically different, their structural identity, as opposed to their distinctly

incongruous historical destiny, sets them at variance with all the other instances of grammaticalization of “to want”.

**Keywords:** Grammaticalization, Balkan areal features, concession, disjunction, indefinite formatives, desemnaticization, linguistic remnants.

### L’art arménien entre l’Arménie et la Roumanie

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**Abstract:** This paper studies some fragments from the art of the Armenian miniaturist Avag C’alkoġ (14<sup>th</sup> century). I focus on the miniatures representing the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Birth and the Naming of John the Baptist, the Census of Caesar Augustus, the Shepherds and grazing sheep and the Presentation of Christ at the Temple. These miniatures are lavishly illuminated in the Gospel of 1337-40 (Matenadaran, Ms. 212) and in the Bible of 1356-58 (Matenadaran, Ms. 6230).

The iconographic peculiarities of the miniatures representing the biblical story of the First and Second Chapters of the Gospel of Luke occur frequently in medieval Armenian art. My paper aims to analyze these artistic traditions. This paper also focuses on the theological study of the images which gives an opportunity to trace the origins (6-7<sup>th</sup> centuries) from which such an iconographic system could be developed and become separate during the upcoming centuries.

**Keywords:** Annunciation, Visitation, John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, prophet Zechariah, the Presentation of Christ at the Temple, Anna and Simeon, Iconography, Theological Interpretation.

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*Old-Printed Armenian Amulets in Scroll of the Library of the Dudean Cultural House at Armenian Apostolic Patriarchat of Romania in Bucharest..... 69-99*

**Abstract:** This paper aims to present three Armenian old-printed Amulets in scroll from the old-printed Armenian book’s collection of the Library of the Dudean

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**Keywords:** Armenian art, Old-printed Amulets in scroll, Etkear Gndevanec'i, Astvacatur Kostandnupolsec'i, Grigor Marzvanec'I, Archangel kills the devil, The Tomb of the Lord, Beheading of John the Baptist, Archangel Gabriel chides the demon, The Ascension.

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**Keywords:** Armenian art, hand crosses, liturgical objects, silver art, Constantinople style, Dudian museum, Armenian colonies, Armenians in Romania

### Religion et commerce en Europe du Sud-Est

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Levantine and Ponentine Sephardim like Abraam Coen de Herrera, Jacob Danon and the members of the Namias family used the ports of the Republic of Ragusa to send and insure their merchandises coming from the ottoman hinterland and addressed to the markets of Venice and Ancona. The traditional historiography empathized the competition between the Serenissima and the Republic of Saint Blaise in Early Modern Era. But the quantitative analysis of private trade remark new data: the merchants and especially the Sephardim used the economical space of the Adriatic to bypass the rivalry of the two Adriatic republics and to connect the markets in a shared network. Those trade networks allowed Ragusa to resist to the first part of the crisis although in a trend of general downsizing of the Mediterranean trade business.

**Keywords:** Jewish trading diaspora, inter-adriatic trade, Sephardic merchants, Abraam Coen de Herrera, Republic of Ragusa (Dubrovnik)

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**Keywords:** capitulations, 'ahdname, religious stipulations, early modern diplomacy, Jerusalem pilgrimage

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save the lives of Christians sentenced to death, to ensure the survival of people of extreme poverty, to pave the way for slaves and war captives to their future freedom and to save the lives and property of Romanian boyars who were refugees in the Ottoman Empire.

**Keywords:** Ottoman Empire, conversion, Balkans, Central Europe, slave, poverty, refugee

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*Catholic Conversions in Habsburg Oltenia: Religious Change and Resistance*..... 181-195

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**Keywords:** Catholic missionaries; church union with Rome; Orthodox Church; Habsburg administration; Ottoman Balkans.

### Liens culturels entre la Valachie et le Proche Orient

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Bucharest; second, the description of a rare copy of a *Psalter* printed in Beirut in 1752, recently located in Uppsala; and third, information on an unknown Arabic *Akathist*, printed in a yet unidentified press, but possibly by Patriarch Sylvester's apprentices.

**Keywords:** Early Arabic printing, Patriarch Sylvester of Antioch, Athanasius Dabbās, Antim the Iberian, Arabic *Psalter*, Arabic *Akathist*, Beirut press

### Des sources méconnues sur l'histoire des Roumains

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**Keywords:** Ștefan Bogdan, Gironimo Meoli, Thomas Glover, Wallachia, Moldavia, Constantinople, Spain.

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*La mission diplomatique de Joseph von Hammer à Jassy. Édition d'une source méconnue.....* 255-288

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**Keywords:** Hammer-Purgstall, Russo-Ottoman war (1806–12), cultural history of diplomacy, Napoleonic wars.

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*Zaharia P. Sardelly versus Evanghelie Zappa (the Zappa Olympics and the Dictionary of the Romanian Language)..... 289-317*

**Abstract:** In 1911, almost five decades after Evanghelie Zappa's death, the *Iris* newspaper published the memories of its founder, Zaharia P. Sardelly, who worked for a short period of time as secretary of the great landowner and philanthropist. By 1854, Zappa was looking for a secretary, and young Sardelly was looking for a safe and well paid job. Sardelly's image of Zappa is without any doubt altered by the passage of the years, but also by the natural need to appear before the posterity in a most favourable light. The Modern Olympic Games, the Grammar and the Dictionary of the Romanian language were born in the mansion of Broșteni between 1854 and 1860. This study brings to light other documentary testimonies that complete, confirm or deny Zaharia Sardelly's observations. Two letters of Zappa to Prim-Minister Ion Ghica (on February 21, 1860 and on March 13, 1860) are provided in annexes 1–4.

**Keywords:** Evanghelie Zappa, Zaharia P. Sardelly, Romanian society, social charity in the nineteenth century, *Iris* newspaper

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