

Report on the Research Activities in 2010

Summary

The report consists of two main parts: an interpretative synopsis of the main activities, researches and interpretations within the scope of the main topic of research grant TE, 356/2010, and a list of the most relevant publications and lectures edited, authored or delivered by the members of the team. The structure aims to expand and contextualize the information provided through the appended report of self-evaluation. It equally aims to provide an insight into the larger context of the project.

A. Analysis (overview)

A total number of approximately 770 individual sources (amounting to around 1160 folios) relevant for the topic of the grant was identified throughout the first year of the project. We list some examples in the alphabetical order of the members of the team: Florin Ardelean (documents from the years 1572-1607, including unedited letters from the correspondence of Michael I the Brave with Rudolf II of Habsburg), Iulian Mihai Damian (documents from the years 1451-1472, with- for instance – the “European letters” of the citizens of Bra ov from 1456 on the *Turkish* peril), Adrian Magina (documents from the years 1526-1593, including letters on the relations between the noblemen from the Banate and the House of Habsburg), Alexandru Simon (documents from the years 1464-1566, among which the unedited reports of the agents of the Fugger family in Central Europe). In this respect, the main research objectives for 2010 (i.e. the collection and analysis of new sources) were – in part – exceeded within a couple of months. This was accomplished also with the support of notable scholars such as Gilles Veinstein (Collège de France, Paris), Giovanni Grado Merlo (State University, Milan), Luca Pellegrini (University Rome I-La Sapienza) Konrad Gündisch (Bundesinstitut für Geschichte und Kultur der Deutschen im Östlichen Europa, Oldenburg), Christian Gastgeber (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Institut für Byzanzforschung, Vienna), as well as László Veszprémy (Central European University, Budapest). Their expertise and aid proved most valuable both during the research stays and the conferences hosted in 2010. Likewise, we were most pleased to find young scientists highly interested in the period under analysis through our grant that possess extensive knowledge on the subject. We would like to recall some of them here: Michaela Bodnarova (*Ruprechts-Karl* Universität, Heidelberg), Marco Bogade (Bundesinstitut für Geschichte und Kultur der Deutschen im Östlichen Europa, Oldenburg), Guillaume Durand (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris), Güne I ikel (Collège de France, Paris), John Jefferson (University of Indiana, Bloomington), Jesus Brufal y Sucarrat (University of Lerida), Christopher Nicholson (University College London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies) or Mark Whelan (Royal Holloway, London). They were also most supportive in the establishment of the data base for the project, founded on one hand on – at present – over 1.200 folios of unedited sources (including the approximately 450 folios collected prior to the approval of the grant) and on the other by key works, such as *Atlas Maior* (reprint of the original 1656 edition), *A History of the Crusades* (I-VI), *Gefangene im Osmanischen Reich* (I-XII), *The Cambridge History of Turkey* (I, III-IV, published so far), *Prosopographisches Lexikon der Palaiologenzeit* (I-XII, including the digital addenda), *Geschichte Österreichs* (I-XIV). These works also standard scholarly achievements that we would like to use as models.

Accordingly, in 2011, the project will expand following its methodological structure, comprised of two major levels of research and analysis, structured in yearly three steps (1. collecting; 2. analyzing; 3. disseminating). **1.** The chronological level is intended to capture the evolutions and the traditions as well the inventions and novelties in terms of politics and identity occurred during the period of our attention that can be divided into three major phases: **1.1.** 1444-1515 (from the death of Wladislaw I (III) J at Varna, by which the minor Ladislas V, placed in the iron custody of his uncle Frederick III “re-became” king of Hungary, to the congress of Vienna and the double Habsburg-Jagiellonian marriage that secured the thrones of Hungary and Bohemia to Maximilian I’s heirs); **1.2.** 1515-1541 (the shortest, yet also the fullest of consequences of the three periods, which also corresponds to the eastern penetration of the Reformation; from the Habsburg efforts to secure their position won at the congress of Vienna to the end of medieval Hungary, by the Ottoman conquest of Buda and the transformation of the Transylvanian voivodate into a principality vassal to the Porte); **1.3.** 1541-1606 (from the attempts of the Habsburgs to regain the lost part of Hungary and to keep ‘Free Hungary’ under their control, attempts largely prevented by the successes of the Reformation and by the successive compromises achieved by the Ottoman diplomacy and military, in relation to Vienna too, to the peace of Zsivatorok, by which the Ottoman sultan acknowledged the Habsburg emperor, for the first time, as his imperial equal). **2.** *The topical level* combines the main domains and areas of interests, involved in an interdisciplinary framework, by the geopolitical, ideological and military components of the Habsburg policies. In accordance to the regional political circuit, we can group them into three main units: **2.1.** Geopolitical configurations (with special emphasis on the North-South differences involved by the Habsburg policy and reflected and perpetuated as such by the Ottoman Empire and by the other states in that area, including the Walachias; these differences had a major impact on the other evolutions throughout that age); **2.2.** Socio-economical structures and relations (in this context, three aspects must be underlined: a. the impact of the new western commercial routes on Eastern Europe; b. the role of the (Byzantine, Balkan, Hungarian) ‘emigration’ in shaping Vienna’s Oriental policy; c. the regional impact of Vienna’s administration and selection of officials); **2.3.** Cultural and religious coordinates (three major <Western> cultural, ideological and

religious phenomenon: a. Humanism; b. Protestant Reformation; c. Counterreformation/ <Catholic> Reformation; significantly enough, each one of them had, under various forms, specific to the region under analysis, a *Greekrite* Christian correspondent).

B. Scientific Lists (selective)

I. Monographs and Volumes

1. *Sigismund of Luxemburg and the Orthodox World*(= *Denkschriften der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften*, CDIX), edited by Ekaterini Mitsiou, Mihailo Popović, Johannes Preiser-Kapeller and **Alexandru Simon** (Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2010), 162 p.
2. *Worlds in Change*(= *Transylvanian Review*, XVIII-XIX, suppl. 2; *Mélanges d'Histoire Générale*, NS, IV, 1-2), edited by Ioan-Aurel Pop and **Alexandru Simon**, I. *Church Union and Crusading in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries*, edited by Christian Gastgeber, Ioan-Aurel Pop, Oliver Jens Schmitt and **Alexandru Simon** (Cluj-Napoca: Romanian Academy, Center for Transylvanian Studies, 2009), 444 p. (printed in 2010).
3. *Recent Studies on Past and Present*(= *Transylvanian Review*, XIX, suppl. 5), edited by **Alexandru Simon**, I-IV (Cluj-Napoca: Romanian Academy, Center for Transylvanian Studies, 2010), 1492 p.

II. Studies and Articles (studies in volumes edited or co-edited by team members were omitted from the list)

1. **Florin Ardelean**, 'Oastea portal în Transilvania princiar (1542-1653)' [The Portal Army in Princely Transylvania], *Banatica* (Re i a), XX (2010), 2, pp. 154-175.
2. **Florin Ardelean**, 'Rolul militar al nobilimii în Transilvania princiar ' [The Military Role of the Nobility in Medieval Transylvania], *Studii i Materialde Istorie Medie*[Studies and Materials in Medieval History] (Bucharest-Br ila), XXVIII (2010), pp. 137-148.
3. **Iulian Mihai Damian**, 'Gli anni del dialogo: san Giacomo della Marca e la Chiesa greca dell'Europa centro-orientale', in *Biografia e agiografia di San Giacomo della Marca. Atti del convegno internazionale di studi, Montepreandone 29 novembre 2008*, edited by Fulvia Serpico (Firenze: Edizioni del Galuzzo-SISMEL, 2009), pp. 77-93 (printed in 2010).
4. **Adrian Magina**, 'Un nobil sârb în Banatul secolului al XV-lea: Miloš Belmuževi ' [A Serbian Nobleman in 15th Century Banate: Miloš Belmuževi] *Analele Banatului*[The Annals of the Banate] (Timi oara), XVIII (2010), pp. 135-142.
5. **Adrian Magina**, 'Legisla ie i toleran . Statutul juridic al catolicilor din Caransebe ' [Legislation and Tolerance: The Judicial Status of the Catholics in Caransebe], in *Istoria culturii, cultura istoriei. Omagiu profesorului Doru Radosav*[The History of Culture – The Culture of History: *Festschrift*for Professor Doru Radosav], edited by Ionu Costea, Ovidiu Ghița, Valentin Orga and Iulia Pop (Cluj-Napoca: Argonaut, 2010), pp. 79-93.
6. **Alexandru Simon**, ' *Brancho's*Son and the Walachians: A Milanese Perspective on the Battle of Baia' (I-II), *Historical Yearbook* (Bucharest), VI (2009), pp. 87-100; VII (2010), pp. 95-120.
7. **Alexandru Simon**, 'The Costs and Benefits of Anti-Ottoman Warfare: Documents on the Case of Moldavia. 1475-1477', *Revue Roumaine d'Histoire*(Bucharest), XLVIII (2009), 1-2, pp. 37-53 (printed in 2010).
8. **Alexandru Simon**, 'King Wladislaw II Jagiello's Walachian *Protégées* of 1492', *Revista Arhivelor*[Archives Review] (Bucharest), LXXXV (2009), 2, pp. 87-94 (printed in 2010).
9. **Alexandru Simon**, 'Neagoe Basarab, Imperiul Otoman i Transilvania în 1513' [Neagoe Basarab, the Ottoman Empire and Transylvania in 1513], in *Studia Varia in Honorem Professoris tefan tef nescu Octogenarii*, edited by Ionel Cădea and Cristian Luca (Bucure ti - Br ila: Romanian Academy Press - Istros, 2009), pp. 311-320 (printed in 2010).
10. **Alexandru Simon**, 'Between the Adriatic and the Black Sea: Matthias Corvinus and the Ottoman Empire after the Fall of Negroponte', *Radovi Zavoda za Hrvatsku Povijest*[Proceedings of the Croatian Institute of History] (Zagreb), XLII (2010), 2, pp. 59-75.
11. **Alexandru Simon**, 'Church, Crusade and Matrimony: The Eastern Limits and Perspectives of John Hunyadi's Anti-Ottoman Policy', *Hadttörténelmi Közlemények*[Studies in Military History] (Budapest), CXXIII (2010), 1, pp. 112-136.
12. **Alexandru Simon**, 'Cum au cucerit genovezii Ora ul Sfânt de la evrei' [How the Genoese took the Holy City from the Jews], *Revista Istoric* [History Review] (Bucharest), NS, XX (2010), 1-2, pp. 35-42.
13. **Alexandru Simon**, 'Popula ie i cruciad în Moldova în prim vara anului 1475' [Population and Crusading in Moldavia in Spring 1475], *Anuarul Institutului de Istorie A.D. Xenopol* [Yearbook of the *A.D. Xenopol*Institute of History] (Ia i), XLVII (2010), pp. 143-148.
14. **Alexandru Simon**, ' *Valahii* i monarhii lor: Transilvania între Huniazi, Habsburgi, Jagielloni i rile Române' [The Walachians and their Monarchs: Transylvania between Hunyadis, Habsburgs, Jagiellonians and the Walachias], *Studia Universitatis Cibinensis. Historia*(Sibiu), IX (2010), pp. 119-134.
15. **Alexandru Simon**, 'The Habsburg-Hunyadi *Wars of Succession*. Notes on the Transylvanian-Ottoman Background', *Apulum* (Alba Iulia), XLVII (2010), pp. 611-619.
16. **Alexandru Simon**, 'Vlahii din Imperiul Otoman i politica valah a Regatului Ungariei' [The Vlachs in the Ottoman Empire and the Walachian Policy of the Hungarian Kingdom], *Banatica*(Re i a), XX (2010), 2, pp. 97-108.

III. International Conferences and Lectures (papers delivered at international conferences co-organized by team members in Romania were omitted from the list)

1. **Alexandru Simon**, 'How to Finance a *Greek*Rite Athlete: Rome, Venice and Stephen III of Moldavia (1470s-1490s)', at *Partir en croisade à la fin du Moyen Âge. Financement et logistique*(Institución Milá y Fontanals, CSIC, Barcelona - Casa de Velázquez, Madrid – Agence Nationale de la Recherche, UMR 5136, Toulouse), Barcelona (May 6-7, 2010: May 7, 2010).
2. **Adrian Magina**, 'Miloš Bemuzevi , srpski plemi iz Banata u 15.veku' [Miloš Bemuzevi , a Serbian Nobleman in 15th Century Banate], at *Banatul: trecut istoric si cultural/ Banat: istorijska i kultura prošlost*[The Banate: Historical and Cultural Past] (Serbian Academy of Sciences – Romanian Academy), Novi Sad (June 25-27, 2010: June 26, 2010).
3. **Alexandru Simon**, 'A Transylvanian City in Trouble: Reformation, Crime and Wine in 16th Century Cluj', at *Use & Abuse of Public and Private Space in Late Medieval & Early Modern Towns*(University of Kent), Canterbury (July 8-9, 2010: July 9, 2010).
4. **Alexandru Simon**, 'Pilgrimages as Sources of Political Power and Legitimacy: Real and Invented Albanian and Walachian Journeys to Rome in the 1400s', at *International Medieval Congress, XVII. Travel and Exploration*, Session 1313, *Travelling to Rome: Politics and Petitioners*(University of Leeds – International Medieval Society), Leeds (July 12-15, 2010: July 13, 2010).
5. **Alexandru Simon**, 'Connecting East and West in the Middle Ages', at *International Medieval Congress, XVII. Travel and Exploration*, Session 813. *Political Travel and Propaganda*(University of Leeds – International Medieval Society) Leeds (July 12-15, 2010: July 14, 2010) [Chair].
6. **Alexandru Simon**, 'Hungary's Southern Frontier System in Crisis: Between the Ottoman Empire and the House of Habsburg', at *21st International Congress of Historical Sciences* (International Committee of Historical Sciences – University of Amsterdam), Amsterdam (August 22-27, 2010: August 23, 2010).
7. **Alexandru Simon**, 'Romanian Projects in the Field of Humanities: Medieval History between Socio-Humanities and Natural Sciences', at *Co-operative for Advancement of Research through Medieval European Network*(European Science Foundation, Brussels – CARMEN, Brussels – Estonian Academy of Sciences), Tallin (September 17-19, 2010: September 18, 2010).
9. (invited lecture) **Iulian Mihai Damian**, *Frati Minori e frontiera sud-orientale della Cristianità latina tra espansione territoriale, unione ecclesiastica e crociata (cca 1440-1460)*(Università di Stato di Milano), Milan (November 8, 2010).
10. **Iulian Mihai Damian**, 'Dalla *Jega italica* alla *crociata italica*. la spedizione contro *il Turco* da Niccolò V a Pio II', at *L'Italia e la frontiera orientale dell'Europa. 1204-1669*(Romanian Academy – Austrian Academy of Sciences – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris – Accademia di Romania, Roma – Istituto Storico Austriaco, Roma – École Française de Rome), Rome (November 26-28, 2010: November 27, 2010) [organized by **Iulian Mihai Damian** and **Alexandru Simon**].
11. **Alexandru Simon**, 'Venice and the Ottoman Conquest of Caffa (1475-1477): Preliminaries and Impact', at *L'Italia e la frontiera orientale dell'Europa. 1204-1669*(Romanian Academy – Austrian Academy of Sciences – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris – Accademia di Romania, Roma – Istituto Storico Austriaco, Roma – École Française de Rome), Rome (November 26-28, 2010: November 27, 2010) [organized by **Iulian Mihai Damian** and **Alexandru Simon**].
12. (invited lecture) **Alexandru Simon**, *Siebenbürgen und Byzanz. 953-1453*(Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Byzantine Studies, Vienna), Vienna (December 17, 2010).

IV. Researches in European Archives and Libraries

1. **Aachen** - Archiv der Stadt Aachen (August 2010) [**Alexandru Simon**]
2. **Dresden** - Archiv der Stadt Dresden (August 2010) [**Alexandru Simon**]
3. **Budapest** - *Eötvös Loránd* University Library, Manuscripts Collection (November-December 2010) [**Florin Ardelean** and **Adrian Magina**]
- Hungarian National Archives (November-December 2010) [**Florin Ardelean** and **Adrian Magina**]
- Hungarian National Library, Manuscripts Collection (November-December 2010) [**Florin Ardelean** and **Adrian Magina**]
- Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Manuscripts Collection (November-December 2010) [**Florin Ardelean** and **Adrian Magina**]
4. **Florence** - Archivio di Stato di Firenze (June 2010) [**Alexandru Simon**]
5. **Milan** - Archivio di Stato di Milano (November-December 2010) [**Iulian Mihai Damian** and **Alexandru Simon**]
- Biblioteca Ambrosiana (November-December 2011) [**Iulian Mihai Damian** and **Alexandru Simon**]
6. **Paris** - Bibliothèque Nationale de France (September 2010) [**Alexandru Simon**]
7. **Rome** - Archivio di Stato di Roma (June-December 2010) [**Iulian Mihai Damian**]
8. **Vatican** - Archivio Segreto Vaticano (November 2010) [**Iulian Mihai Damian** and **Alexandru Simon**]
- Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Codices (November 2010) [**Iulian Mihai Damian** and **Alexandru Simon**]
9. **Vienna** - Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv (November 2010) [**Alexandru Simon**]
- Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Codices (October, November 2010) [**Iulian Mihai Damian**]