

The Journal of Kartvelological Studies 'Pro Georgia'



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Opinion

Since the downfall of the USSR, in 1991, and the emergence of the Independent Republic of Georgia - 'Sakartvelos Respublika', the interest toward her history and culture has significantly increased in the world. One of the most evident manifestations of such interest became the study of many controversial problems, related to the modern history of Georgia, once wholly ignored by the Soviet historiography.

The Centers of Kartvelological Studies in the West are carrying out various scientific projects, closely related to the wide aspects of the Georgian history from the earliest times up to the present, including her culture, as well as the spiritual heritage of the Georgian people. The results of such exploration are widely reflected in the scientific publications, dedicated to the Kartvelological issues.

Among these publications, deserving our attention should be mentioned the Journal of Kartvelological Studies 'Pro Georgia', published since 1991 by the Center for East European Studies and the Oriental Institute of the Warsaw University (Editor-in-Chief David Kolbaia), and generously sponsored by the foundation of 'Polska Pomoc'. Up to the date there have been published 27 volumes of the journal. While having a wide scope of the items, 'Pro Georgia' contains the following sections: I. Articles and studies; II. Materials, documents, memories; III. Reviews and commentaries; IV. Chronicle.

The Journal 'Pro Georgia' has the International advisory board among the members of which are many well-known

academicians, engaged in the fields of Kartvelological and Oriental Studies. The Journal deals not only with the 'pure' Kartvelological problems, but also with the historical and cultural interactions between the Kartvelological world and its neighbor peoples and their cultures as well.

The thorough study of the Georgian-Polish relations, particularly the activities of Georgian political emigrants in Poland since the establishment of Soviet rule in Georgia in February 1921, occupies a special place in the Journal.

During relatively short period of its existence, the Journal managed to make a significant contribution to the study of the scientific activities of one of the most brilliant representatives of the Georgian political emigration in Poland St. Gregor Peradze. For instance, the volume No.13 of the Journal, published in 2006, was fully dedicated to him and his scholarly works. It's worthy of noting that in this volume were also published his 'Diaries', composed during his travel to the Holy Land and Syria in the summer of 1936, which has a valuable information on the history of inter-confessional relations in that region.

In our opinion, the content of the Journal 'Pro Georgia' successfully meets the main trend in the development of Kartvelological Studies, and undoubtedly attracts the attention of the wide circle of academicians, as well as the simple readers, showing their craving for the Georgian history and culture.



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