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Romanian Rural Sociology (Five Years)

When analysing the last five years in Romanian rural sociology, there are some trends, which can be mentioned in the evolution of this science:

1. First of all, we find in the list of publications some which revive the historical traditions related to rural communities and there are other, new historical studies related to this topic (S. Retegan, A. Egyed, E. Csetri, Bozodi Gy, Miko I. etc). Historico-demographic documents, commenting on the rural past (E. A. Varga, Tr. Rotariu) also belong here.

2. The second group is related to socio-economic and political comments, articles linked to the new legislation and other political events which have important consequences for the evolution of rural society (M. Vincze, N. J. Neményi). This is the largest topic because Romanian society is undergoing a very fast transformation.

3. The third group of publications contains a sociological analysis based on factual data. The most important studies were made with international collaboration.

— One of them was led by A. Csanady, who gathered data from family farming in a micro-region (Homorod).

— Other research about private farming was made by D. Sandu, D. Abraham from Bucharest in 1997 together with the Ministry of Agriculture and the World Bank.

— The third international study was made by M. Vincze, A. Neményi in 1995/1996 in an Ace-Phare programme, led by Nigel Swain, a comparative analysis between Romania and Bulgaria.

— The fourth study was in collaboration with Germany, led by dr Heller (R. Poledna, Tr. Rotariu).

The main problems studied were the private sector and the new economic and social strategies in farming, the process of restructuring in rural society, women in the countryside, poverty, farming strategies for the state sector, etc.

Sociology students can study rural sociology at Romanian universities. In 1996 a university course (A. Nemenyi) was prepared. Students take part in different field works together with researchers. They sometimes take part in international rural sociology conferences and present papers. An important event was the 9th World Congress of Rural Sociology organized in Bucharest in 1996. Another international event was the XVII Congress of the European Society for Rural Sociology held in Chania, Greece, 1997, where Romanian students also took part. These events contribute to the revigoration of scientific life.

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