

## ROMANIAN RURAL HISTORY AND A METHODOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE ON HISTORICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

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**Abstract.** *On the level of the Romanian historical research, methodological cooperation between history and social anthropology (ethnology) is claimed by two aspects of becoming reality: massive rural presence on a historical scale and persistence of an important rural segment to this day. Adherent in time particularly to means of communication specific to orality, rural world, its major segment, the peasant one, responds better to an ethnological interrogation rather than to a historical one; at the same time, the development under our eyes of certain cultural life aspects joint with other times, facilitates ceaseless checks of historical evolutions, comparisons with what is at their end, realities of contemporary societies. Hence the double perspective, the permanent check between history and ethnology or the fact that each dialogue partner borrows methodological perspectives. Ethnologists need it to join a temporality always necessary and clarifying for the envisaged cultural aspects, while historians need it to question the specific documentary heritage from aspects supposed by rural existence on its anthropological level as beings with certain cultural particularities.*

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