

# THE GULAG ARCHIPELAGO MODEL IN THE EXPERIENCE OF ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PRISONS

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**Abstract.** *This paper is an analysis of two totalitarian regimes, Romanian and Russian, from the perspective of those who were imprisoned due to their convictions against the communist system. We tried to identify and understand the similarities and the differences between these two regimes, taking into account some patterns (reasons for confessing, arrests, food, physical and psychological pressures, or relationships with guards) that in our opinion offered the image of the real life in Romanian and Russian prisons.*

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