

This thesis has two relatively independent parts. The first one deals with Aromanian minority of the Balkans from the ethnographic point of view. I am discussing their history and the problem if they are one of the Romanian minorities or a nation of their own. Their status in the relevant countries is surveyed. Further, I am considering the relationship between Aromanian language/dialect and Romanian language. An overview of the development of the Aromanian literature is given.

The second part of the thesis concerns explicitly the Aromanian language. After it is classified typologically and genealogically. The systematic differences between Aromanian and Romanian are analyzed on fonetical and phonological level as well as on morphological, syntactic and lexical levels. Besides, the characteristics of the particular Aromanian subdialects are described. Finally, I am studying the problem of transcription.