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## PhD PAPER WARFARE IN THE ROMANIAN COUNTRIES IN THE 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY ABSTRACT

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**Abstract**: The 18th century was a very difficult one for the Romanians. The political and economic situation of Moldavia and Wallachia was utterly influenced by the Phanariote rules, and by the wars that occurred on their territories. The aim of the present paper is to present the Russo-Austrian-Turkish wars of the 18th century, their repercussions on the Romanian territory, and the descrition of the Phanariote armies which existed in this period.

From 1711 to 1792, the Ottomans will fight bitterly against the two neighbouring empires. Austria and Russia will permanently try to defeat the Ottomans and occupy its possessions in the Balkans.

The first part of the paper details on the sources used, the majority of which being internal Moldavian and Wallachian chronicles. Besides these, various other sources were used, such as foreign descriptions, and bibliography, although this is scarce.

The second part of the paper presents the Russo-Austrian-Turkish wars of the 18th century, based on internal chronicles, who describe the realities of the Romanian area in this period. Very important for the study of the spirit of this age, the chronicles bring information of utmost interest regarding wars, the phanariote rulers, everyday life in the Romanian Principalities, boyars, etc.

In the third part of the paper, the phanariote armies come to life through very colourful and dynamic descriptions, according to chronicles and foreign testimonies. The phanariote troops are presented during battles, ceremonies, everyday activities, from the beginning of the century up to the end. A rich graphic material helps in completing the descriptions.

The conclusions summarize all the information regarding the Romanian countries în the long 18th century, and the facts dealing with the geopolitics of the region.