

SUMMARY OF PHD THESIS WITH THE TITLE

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The PhD thesis presented with the title THE GERMAN COMMUNITIES OF CLUJ, SIBIU AND TIMISOARA IN THE INTERWAR PERIOD (1918-1938). COMPARATIVE VIEW is composed of 7 chapters preceded by an introduction and followed by the conclusion (chapter 7) and the bibliography. In the introduction the author presents the subject of the thesis and the specific terminology, he presents the reason for choosing such a topic, as well as the contents of the thesis.

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A. PROLEGOMENE

- ❖ the lack of local history materials for the period 1918-1938
- ❖ the need for new approaches to problems of social, economic and cultural local

The current thesis tries to make a comparison the german communities of Cluj, Sibiu and Timisoara in the interwar period.

In developing our thesis we started from the premise that it takes a new approach to economic and social problems at local level. We decided to study the German communities in Cluj, Sibiu and Timisoara, as their economic and cultural life has not so far benefited from a treatment such as that of our thesis.

The first chapter: **Transylvanian saxons and Banat swabians** is especially dedicated to a brief history of the Transylvanian Saxons and Banat Swabians.

In the second chapter: **The attitude of Transylvanian saxons and Banat swabians regarding the unification with Romania** I underlined the fact that any approach of the interwar period must begin with the moment of the Great Unification. In this regard, we analyzed the position of the Saxons and the Swabians to the event, I approached the internal struggles of the two ethnic groups that appear under the impetus ongoing events for adopting a position against the Act of Union.

In the third chapter: **Interwar Romania - statistical and legislative points of view** I presented the political, economic, social and administrative principles that marked the interwar period of the Romania. We analyzed one of the defining elements of the situation of ethnic minorities in Romania: the legal basis for the period 1918-1938, not before defining the concept of national minority. At the end of the chapter we presented the Romanian state policy towards minorities in the interwar period.

The next three chapters (the fourth one: **The German community of Cluj in the interwar period**; the fifth one: **The German community of Sibiu in the interwar period**; the sixth one: **The German community of Timisoara in the interwar period**) are the main core of our thesis. Each chapter has two main parts: the first one of the historical nature; we analyze the German communities in the second one from three major perspectives: demographic, economic and cultural. In terms of economic sectors we refer to INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND BANKING INSTITUTIONS. From cultural point of view we examine the primary and secondary educational institutions of the german communities of Cluj, Sibiu and Timisoara. No shortage of general approaches.

In the final chapter (The German communities we present the conclusions reached from the use of the comparative method.