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Bibliography, Volume. I by Lindita Xhanari (Latifi), Urtis Harri, Adriatik Derjaj, Jonida İlhan Tirana, 2015 680 pages ISBN 9789928203144 - 9789928203151

A bibliography is usually defined as a complete or selective list of works compiled upon some common principle, as authorship, subject, place of publication, or printer. This book is the first volume of a comprehensive bibliography including a long list of Albanian researchers, who did research on linguistic, literary, historical, cultural, ethnographical, architectural and religious relations between Turkey and Albania for centuries. Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) contributed the preparation and the publication of the book.

Turkey and Albania have undeniably been in a close relationship and had common values in terms of history, language, literature, culture, ethnography, religion, etc. for centuries. Both Albanian philologists and foreign philologists did research on these relationships and the terms, which are beneficial for identifying the problems resulting from these relationships, examining the legal documents, comprehending direct or indirect effects of these relationships, etc. The publications upon these research were invaluable, but a more comprehensive study became necessary for graduate and post-graduate students attending Albanology and Turcology departments. A project was planned to prepare a bibliography in both Albanian and Turkish languages in order to reach a wider range of researchers.

In accordance with the aim of this bibliography, the publications including information on the relationships mentioned before were determined and a number of published resources were searched. The authors examined the resources in Turkish and Albanian State Archives, Turkish and Albanian National Libraries, Turkish and Albanian Academy of Sciences, Library of Albanology Institute, Library of Faculty of History and Philology, Libraries of Universities of Shkodra, Korça, Vlora, Elbasan and Gjirokastra.



This bibliography includes 1863 resources, which are ordered alphabetically on the basis of the authors' surnames. This book is actually the first volume and the preparation of the second volume is continuing according to the information obtained from the lead author of the book.

Some old newspapers were also included within the scope of this bibliography. The authors of some newspaper articles used pseudonyms, therefore their pseudonyms were listed in the bibliography.

In order to edit this bibliography, the authors examined more than 300 academic journals, bulletins, periodicals, newspapers, and also more than 200 academic monographies of philologists and institutions. Consequently, this bibliography is composed of four indices. The first index is an author-based one and contains the works of 499 authors, The second index is a topic-based one and contains six groups of research topics. The third index focuses on the most examined authors and well-known persons in the history. The fourth index is arranged alphabetically according to the names of the selected works such as periodical press publications, conferences, academic symposia, and etc.