

ROMANIAN VECTOR IN FOREIGN POLICY OF UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENTS IN 1917 – 1918: ANALYSIS OF UKRAINIAN HISTORIOGRAPHY

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Abstract: The article is devoted to the history of the study of relations between the Ukrainian and Romanian states in 1917-1918. The fall of the Russian Empire, the continuation of the First World War, and the proclamation of the Ukrainian and Moldavian People's Republics formed new geopolitical realities in East Central Europe, including the resolution of territorial disputes. The authors came to the conclusion that in Ukrainian historiography, the problem of Ukrainian-Romanian relations during the period of revolutions remains on the margins of academic interests. The focus of the researchers is, first of all, the “Bessarabian question“. The intergovernmental discussions are about the belonging of the multi-ethnic Bessarabian province. Kyiv interpreted this administrative unit as a potential part of the UPR. Also, the Romanian issues were considered in the context of contacts with the countries of the Entente and the Quadruple Alliance. After the proclamation of annexation of the Moldavian Republic by Romania in 1918, this problem was expanded by historians into a wider format of interstate relations research, which also involves the analysis of economic sanctions by Ukraine.

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