

General Information Regarding the ARCHÆVS Journal

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1. Overview

ARCHÆVS. Studies in the History of Religions is an international and generalist journal for History of Religions founded in Bucharest on the initiative of Eugen Ciurtin. ARCHÆVS was thus launched by the Romanian Association for the History of Religions (RAHR) in 1997 and, since 2008, co-edited by the RAHR and the Institute for the History of Religions (IHR) of the Romanian Academy.

A first series (1997-1999/2000) was published in Romanian (with extensive abstracts in French). The second series (since 2000/2001) is currently published in English, French, German, Italian, Romanian, and Spanish. A full Index of contributions (articles, review articles, critical reviews and notes) was published in November 2011 (Archaeus 15 [2011], fasc. 4, pp. 559-588). Since its inception, the journal benefited from the financial support of various institutions, e.g. the Soros Foundation, Romanian Ministry of Culture (including AFCN), Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie – Bureau de l'Europe centrale et orientale, as well as of private grants and bequests.

Within already 15 years of constant publication, currently amounting to 21 volumes (since 2006 hardbound, available online since volume 5 [2001]), a wealth of 6,570 pages and some 450 contributions in six languages and about fifteen reviews every year, ARCHÆVS distinguishes itself as the main platform for the academic study of religions in contemporary Romania. It also represents the largest forum of research in this field in the whole cultural history of Romania, being in the same time the oldest periodical with international contributors and standing founded and edited by a generation of scholars moulded in Bucharest after 1989. In this respect, it is worth mentioning that more than one scholars of religion, by now active in Europe or USA dynamic research centres and being of Romanian origin, started their career in the field by contributions to ARCHÆVS. Some of them were instrumental for the foundation of the first academic institution ever, in Romania, devoted to the academic study of religions: the Institute for the History of Religions of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest. Together with the twin-periodical STVDIA ASIATICA. International Journal for Asian Studies (2000-), it constituted the main collective scholarly endeavour which sustained the candidature of Romania for the membership to the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) and International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR). One of the most important consequences of this was the organisation at Bucharest (September 2006) of the first Congress for the History of religions in Eastern Europe – the 6th EASR / IAHR Special Conference. The largest part of the Proceedings of the Congress were published in these two journals (2007-2010). The 5 volumes are by now the proof of the best represented EASR annual conference in terms of publications.

<http://www.ihr-acad.ro>

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<http://www.brill.com/publications/journals/science-religion>

Archaeus is also indexed in Brill Online Reference Works (together with *Studia Asiatica*)
<http://referenceworks.brillonline.com/pages/help/isr-consulted-journals>

Archaeus was selected since 2007 in ERIH - European Reference Index for the Humanities of the ESF – European Science Foundation, section "Theology and Religious Studies" (the 'initial lists' were unfortunately not updated since then).
<https://www2.esf.org/asp/ERIH/Foreword/search.asp>

Since 2012, the ANVUR - Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del sistema Universitario e della Ricerca / National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes has evaluated ARCHÆVS among the Riviste Classe A.
http://www.anvur.org/sites/anvur-miur/files/riviste/rivistearea10_classea.pdf

LI TaRS – Louvain Index of Theology and Religious Studies for Journals and Series: *Archaeus* is indexed among I-Journals 3: journals that are international qua quality, but regional qua resonance, see
<http://theo.kuleuven.be/en/research/classif-journals/>

Internet Journal of Religion
<http://easr.org/home/publications/internet-journal-of-religion.html>

Université de Genève – Histoire des religions. Bibliographie
<http://www.unige.ch/lettres/antic/HR/Bibliographie.html>

École Pratique des Hautes Études : Périodiques en sciences religieuses
<http://www.ephe.sorbonne.fr/scd-bibliotheques/periodiques-en-sciences-religieuses.html>

Bibliographia Historica Romaniae / Bibliografia istoric' a României, Academia Româna: Editura Academiei Române (vol. XI / 2004-2006).

Classica et Christiana. Anuar al Centrului de Studii Clasice în Creștine / Periodico annuale del Centro di Studi Classici e Cristiani, Iasi: Universitatea "Al. I. Cuza", since 2006.
http://csccl.uaic.ro/wp-content/uploads/publicatii/cc/Classica_et_Christiana_2_2007.pdf

Online edition, indexing and library subscription:
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5. International Reviews & Scholarly References

"At the end of 1997 there appeared suddenly in Bucharest a new journal called *Archaeus*. *Studii de istorie a religiilor*. [...] The sheer quantity of the material published in the nine fascicles that have been issued to date — totalling approximately 2000 pages — is astonishing, as is likewise the variety the subject matter. Space does not permit a listing of these articles here, but suffice it to say they are in no way inferior to those found in other scholarly journals. [...] In short, with these recent developments promoted by the 'Archaeusgroup', the study of the history of religions has reached a stage of maturity never before attained in Romania, a field eager to take its place alongside HR studies in other European and in North American universities. And now that *Archaeus* is being published in major languages, it should be made available in libraries where other periodicals

of its type are found. [...] Today these studies are flourishing as never before and bidding to attract worldwide attention." | Mac Linscott Ricketts, "The History of the History of Religions in Romania", *Religion* 32 (2002), pp. 71 and 81-82

"In the European context of the last ten years various journals on the history of religions have come to life [...] in 1997, the Rumanian journal of the history of religions, *Archaeus*, also came to be [...] Published by the Romanian Association for the History of Religions, *Archaeus* was 'the first Romanian journal for the history of religion after the collapse of Communism in 1989. [...] each volume of *Archaeus* is the result of collaboration between scholars of religion across the world. [...] Being a forum of international debate, *Archaeus* is issued in five major languages (English, French, Italian, German, and Spanish), including only occasional brief notes or book reviews in Romanian.' (from the Website of the journal). [...] Here is not the place to enter in a discussion on the organisation, the editorial guidelines and on the scope of these journals; what is perhaps more interesting, for our intent, is to ask ourselves what could be the reasons for this newfound academic bloom. Some of these reasons will fall under the more general process of enlargement at the European level of the International Association for the History of Religions, which, as Gregory Alles has pointed out in a recent collection of essays, is part of an establishment of a global view in this field of study – this is the case [...] of *Archaeus*." | Giovanni FILORAMO, "What Future for a Review of History of Religions?", *Historia Religionum. An International Journal of History of Religions* 1 (2009), pp. 159-160.

"If one examines the journals devoted specifically to the study of religion [...] find[s] also that these journals, although open to foreign scholars, tended to publish work produced in a specific language [...] This is a trend that continues in the case of periodicals established later in the twentieth century [...] some of which are the publications of national associations. [...] Another exception, although in the opposite direction, is *Archaeus: Études d'histoire des religions / Studies in the History of Religions* (1997), a Romanian journal that publishes studies in English, French and Italian." | Gustavo BENAVIDES, "Periodical literature", in Lindsay Jones (Editor in Chief), *Encyclopedia of Religion*, Second Edition, Detroit, etc.: Thomson Gale (Macmillan Reference USA), 2005, vol. 15, pp. 10056a-10057b.

"Post-World War II scholarly journals and reference works. Among the international journals launched after World War II [...] *Archaeus* (1997-), edited [...] on behalf of the Romanian Association of the History of Religions [...] operates as an international journal, effectively crossing the boundaries between Eastern and Western Europe (and the rest of the world)." | Michael STAUSBERG, "The Study of Religion(s) in Western Europe [III]: further developments after World War II", *Religion* [London: Elsevier] 39 (2009), p. 262.

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Zentrum für soziale Innovation (Centre for social Innovation), Wien

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