

**The Work of the Minister for Religious Affairs Stanciu Stoian
in Relation to the Romanian Orthodox Church (1947-1951)**

(Abstract)

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Our research highlights the biography and work of the Minister for Religious Affairs Stanciu Stoian in relation to the Romanian Orthodox Church, as reflected in the Securitate files and in the articles and speeches that he delivered when he served as minister (1947-1951).

Professor Stanciu Stoian was a controversial figure with a troubled political past. Backed by the Prime Minister Petru Groza, Stanciu Stoian was fully engaged in his work during his four-year career as a minister, becoming a real interface between the state and the church. His speeches mirrored the tensions that occurred in the field of religion, caused by the implementation of a new law.

The paper is divided into three parts which focus on: biographical details and professional evolution of Stanciu Stoian; his career as a minister followed by his decay, as reflected in the informative surveillance files in the CNSAS archives and the National Archives; the main subjects and ideological elements that occurred in his speeches centred on the Romanian Orthodox Church in 1949.