

Keith Hitchins and the Romanian Historical Canon (Abstract)

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Shortly after his passing, I have written elsewhere, for a wider educated Romanian audience, a few pages on Keith Hitchins, placing him, however incompletely, in several defining contexts¹. I briefly return now to that framework and to those glimpses into Keith's life and work, in order to add a few elements for a critical history of historical studies on Romania and for a future comprehensive assessment of Keith's lifetime achievement and legacy. Between my two modest contributions, and in a similar vein, the first important steps towards that assessment have been taken by Paul E. Michelson in his substantial essay, *Keith Hitchins (1931-2020): Trailblazer, Ambassador, and Elder Statesman of Romanian Studies*.

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¹ Sorin Antohi, *Amicus Romaniae. În memoria lui Keith Hitchins (1931-2020)*, in „Observator cultural”, XXI, nr. 1039 (780), p. 12-13. Available online at <https://www.observatorcultural.ro/articol/amicus-romaniae/>.