

**“Bolshevism on religious ground”:  
Religious dissenters, state security,  
and border-making in Romanian Bessarabia, 1918-1928**  
(Abstract)

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The article explores the relationship between the Romanian state and religious dissenters in Bessarabia between 1918 and 1928. It investigates how the process of border making and Bolshevik-led anti-Romanian subversive operations shaped these relations and contributed to the perception that dissenters were “Bolsheviks on religious grounds”. The study draws on archival materials produced by the Romanian secret police, military tribunals, and civil administrators in Bessarabia during this period, as well as on religious literature confiscated by *Siguranța* officers and included in surveillance files.

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