

Byzantine ecclesiology in a new member state of the European Union: The Romanian case

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Among the few volumes with collected studies on the broad and vague topic of Church, Society and State in Romania that have been edited during the last years none would call for a critical review. Taken together, they express the need for a thorough discussion of issues regarding the role of religion in post-communist Romanian society, but they contain not much more than that. Most of these volumes are the result of workshops and summer schools, participation to which seems to have been dictated more by political/religious considerations than scholarly interests. My invited contribution will consist in a short overview of these publications, in the course of which I will privilege discussion by topic, rather than by volume, and will refer to the various contributions contained therein according to the degree to which I considered them representative of the dominant tendencies in Romanian society.

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