

Considerations upon Romanian-Albanian Linguistics Reports in Phonetics and Phonology

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Abstract

This article focuses on some phonetic phenomena common to the Romanian and Albanian languages. First, it argues the cogency of the topic and reviews the literature in this field. Then, it identifies the phonetic phenomena (covering both the vocalic system and the consonant one) common to both above mentioned languages, by collecting, synthesizing and analyzing the information so generously offered by the literature. Next, we attempt to answer the question of whether or not these phenomena share a common origin, by highlighting the important role of the substratum often regarded as being common to both languages. Last but not least, this article studies the diachronic evolution of the phonetic phenomena shared by Romanian and Albanian. Regarding the vocalic system, we discuss issues pertaining to the "ă" vowel in Romanian and "ë" in Albanian, as well as the emergence of some other vocal phonemes in the phonological system of either language. The analysis of the consonant system of the two language has raised many issues related to the emergence and evolution of certain consonants, as well as the existence of some consonant phenomena common to Romanian and Albanian such as nasalization and rhotacism.