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Description

An international biannual, *Review of Historical Geography and Toponomastics* publishes articles on all aspects of historical geography and toponomastics. As well as publishing original research papers of interest to a wide international and interdisciplinary readership, the review encourages debates over new challenges facing researchers in the field and discussion of conceptual and methodological issues. Each issue includes a book review section.

It encourages high quality scholarship on a broad range of historical geography and toponomastics topics.

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- The geographies of places in the past
- The dynamics of place, space and landscape
- The geographies of place-names
- Methodological problems in historical geography
- Landscape, history and environment

The journal publishes high quality papers that make a new contribution to the understanding of historical geographical systems. The editors invite submissions dealing with theory, methods and models of spatial analysis. The journal has a multi-disciplinary outlook and includes contributions from geography, history, economics, environment and onomastics.

The third and fourth numbers (3-4/2007) of the review include *a special issue on the Southern Europe and Romania reflected in Place-names and Historical Geography*. There are three guest editors: *Emili Casanova*, researcher on Toponomastics, Valencia, Spain, *Martina Pertoldi*, PhD student of Urbanism, Veneto, Italy and *Jaco Woudstra*, MBA student, Faculty of Geosciences, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands.

For 2007 RHGT includes thirteen interesting articles based on toponomastics and historical geographies in Southern Europe and Romania. It starts with two articles on toponomastics by Emili Casanova who brings information about lexical contribution on the Valencian Toponymic Atlas (VTA) and Viorica Goicu who offers new ideas on the Latin toponyms 'castrum' and 'castellum' from the Romanian territory. Two geographers, both professors of toponomastics at the universities of Bucharest and Timișoara, have written about Romanian toponymy as orientation landmarks as well as about the origins of some oiconyms in the eastern plain of Timișoara. The historical geographical researches are made by Italian PhD student Martina Pertoldi - with an investigation on the Italian industrial

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clusters on the lanscape of production from western part of Romania, followed by Marcu Staşac - university lecturer in Oradea who focussed on the phases in the humanizing of the Crişurilor Plain rural space till its appearance in documents, as well as by Sorin Pavel, university lecturer in Timișoara, who made an article about the historical ethnical and religious variety of Arad town and by Ioan Sebastian Jucu with an interesting geo-historical reflection in the cultural lanscape of Lugoj. There are also three impressive studies made by Romanian PhD students - Ionuț Zisu, Ana Ianăș and Alina Satmari - dealing with the history of pedological research in Banat, the evolution of the settlements in the Almăjului Depression and social identity in the urban morphology of Anina town.

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