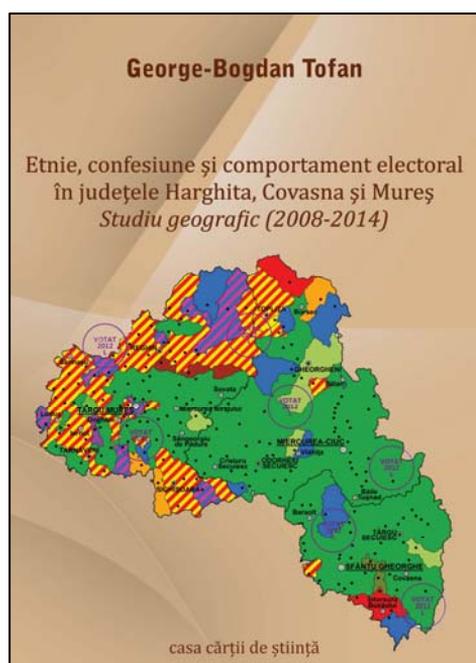


**GEORGE-BOGDAN TOFAN (2015)  
ETNICITY, CONFESSION AND ELECTORAL BEHAVIOUR IN  
HARGHITA, COVASNA AND MUREȘ COUNTIES. GEOGRAPHIC  
STUDY (2008-2014)**

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tabels, preface, summary in English language



The present scientific approach represents the postdoctoral research project made by **Lecturer George-Bogdan TOFAN, PhD**, a study which aimed the *spatial determination of population's electoral behavior of different ethnicities and religions*, from the three counties of the geographical and historical province of Transylvania: *Harghita, Covasna and Mureș* between 2008 and 2014. This study was conducted in the POSDRU system in a project initiated by the University of Bucharest in consortium with a number of prestigious universities from our country, including the „*Babeș-Bolyai*” University of Cluj-Napoca, respectively Faculty of Geography, in which the author was part of the target group. The project was carried out between 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015.

The idea of drawing up such works corresponded with the publication in *Romanian Journal of Political Geography* of Department of Geography, Tourism and Territorial Planning in Oradea, of two studies that have as main topic the

electoral behavior recorded at the local and parliamentary elections in the counties of Harghita, Covasna and Mures in 2012.

They were later supplemented with three articles presenting the ethnic and confessional population of these territories, recorded at the census from October 20, 2011. Thus, upon becoming a postdoctoral researcher, it has been considered for an appropriate *study unit*, which scientific value must be seen through the concomitant approach of the three geographical elements (*ethnicity, religion and voting behavior*).

The second part of the paper, **Voting behavior**, analyse the *local elections* in 2008 and 2012 for the appointment of mayors, local councilors, to the administrative-territorial units in the counties of Harghita, Covasna and Mures, then the presidents and county councilors, followed by *legislative elections* in 2008 and 2012 respectively *European elections* and the *presidential elections* in 2009 and 2014.

To the mentioned categories of election in the paper are also analyzed two national referendums „*The shift to a unicameral Parliament and reducing the number of MPs to a maximum of 300 of November 22, 2009*” and the second „*Dismissal of Romanian President (July 21<sup>st</sup> 2012)*”.

We must point out that the whole approach is based on official statistical data obtained from the National Statistics Instiutul or County Departments of Statistics from Harghita, Covasna and Mureş, the Central Electoral Bureau and the Permanent Electoral Authority. All these data have been processed, summarized and interpreted, resulting in a rich tabular and graphical material, maps which facilitated the traceability of the involved issues.

The autumn of 2015 corresponded to the publication to the House of the Book of Science, of the postdoctoral research project, based on a study of 195 pages, 9 drawings, 48 figures, 47 tables, foreword and an abstract in English.

This book is primarily addressed to the political parties, constituting itself as a *valuable pragmatic guide* for the preparation of the upcoming local and parliamentary elections and for the general public, eager to know the detailed realities of these territories.

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