

ADRIAN-BOGDAN CEOBANU
RUSSIANS AN ROMANIANS: DIPLOMACY AND MATRIMONIAL RELATIONS
IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE XIXth CENTURY
(Summary)

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The concerns between Romanians and Russians in the nineteenth century have been a constantly research point in the Romanian historiography and not only, which still deserves to be investigated by the historians. In this paperwork I would like to put forward some of the matrimonial relations aspects between Romanians and Russians, focusing on the diplomats from these countries and trying to observe if these relationships had anything to do with their nomination as diplomatic. For the first half of the nineteenth century, Russians thought to be necessary to make a match with local women to obtain high positions and especially influence in the Romanian Principalities. Following the nominations of Romanian representatives at Sankt-Petersburg, we can say that besides political interests, matrimonial relations have also had an important role. The majority of the agents had a contact with the Russian families by different alliances, if not directly, through the members of families, so that when they have been sent to the Russian capital, they've already known quite well the language and the Russian political environment. Russian diplomacy from the second half of nineteenth century was connected to Romanian realities under the circumstances that Foreign Affair ministers, A. M. Gorceakov and N. Giers, had connections with the Romanian society through matrimonial relationships.

Regarding the Russian minister plenipotentiary from Romanian capital, the matrimonial relationships were not as clear as in the Romanian diplomats' case, family connections were heading back at the beginning of the nineteenth century. At the end of our research, we focused our attention on the marriages of the Romanian royal family, especially Carol I the first and Ferdinand. If Carol I had two attempts to marry women related to Alexandre the 2nd, Ferdinand married the tsar's niece, Maria.