THE STUDY CIRCLE OF THE NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY: POLITICAL PRACTICES AND SYMBOLICAL STAKES OF THE ROMANIAN LIBERALS BETWEEN THE TWO WORLD WARS (Summary)

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The study circles of the political parties were a reality of the Romanian public space between the two world wars. They represented important political structures sought by leaders in order to get prestige for their own party, they were attended by intellectuals and they were later appreciated in most popular works and in speeches. But this valued intellectual belief or perception was accompanied by an image of political futility in which these party’s organizations were useful accessories for a wanted modern party. The most important of these structures was built by liberals in the early twentieth century, as a formal framework for discussing the democratic reforms (mainly about electoral reform and the land reform). This study provides insight into political reinvention attempt to open the National Liberal Party (PNL) as an open, civic and intellectual formula. But although the manifestation of the circle of study of Romanian liberals rarely approached the function and purpose undertaken, this provides historical analysis of these political innovations we can understand the mechanisms of the PNL, symbolic hierarchies and power relations that structure the different aspirations of central and regional leaders of the party, reporting to the company policy and social forms within the party.