NICOLAE BLAREMBERG, “THE QUOTATION VICE” AND THE INTELLECTUAL DESTINY OF THE YOUNG RIGHT
(Summary)

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Nicolae Blaremberg was a controversial figure of the Romanian political life in the second half of the 19th century. His career and even his intellectual legitimacy were bitterly contested by liberals and conservatives alike. However, his influence as one of the most important right-wing journalists in the first years of the constitutional monarchy and as a longtime Member of Parliament is, apparently, beyond doubt. But Blaremberg remains important mostly for the intellectual history of the Romanian Conservatism. His “quotation vice” issued the most impressive “collection” of references regarding political theorists, historians, economists and juridical authors which is to be found among the Romanian politicians of his time. These references, and the ideological positions of Blaremberg which they largely define, shape the image of a liberal conservative, preoccupied by the political function of property and education, hostile to the influence of the masses and to the revolutionary myth, but also skeptical regarding the role of the monarchy and excessively attached to the British constitutional pattern. Unlike other right-wing politicians of his generation (“The Young Right”), Nicolae Blaremberg was primarily preoccupied by the limitation of state power (mainly of the executive), and not by the revival of old institutions or the social meaning of conservatism.

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