

THE ROMANIAN VILLAGES' VIRTUALITIES THROUGH THE LENSES OF DIMITRIE GUSTI'S SOCIOLOGICAL SYSTEM

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*In the interwar period, Dimitrie Gusti, the founder of the Sociological School of Bucharest, along with other remarkable Romanian intellectuals, came to the conclusion that Romania's social, economic, spiritual and political development was to be substantially influenced by the way peasantry's problem was to be taken care of. In thinking so, Gusti initiated the monograph campaigns which were to examine the Romanian village's specific problems from a scientific point of view. Based on Gusti's sociological system, the monographic teams revealed a traditional life shaped by a philosophy that had been the guiding thread of a millenary culture and civilization, namely, the peasant one. Closely following Traian Herseni's book *Sociology Course*, this article is going to present the conditionings of the interwar Romanian village's social life or, in accordance with Gusti's thinking system, its virtualities, its development possibilities, as they were displayed in the analysis carried out by the Sociological School of Bucharest.*