

## REVIEW

### "Vocal system of the Albanian dialect in the Presevo valley", by dissertation student Yilka Imeri

1. Overall assessment The topic belongs to an almost completely unexplored field in studies to date, not only in the phonetics of the Valley phonology, but also in general in the field of applied phonetics. Suffice it to say that to date, even general and theoretical treatments for phonology as a master and as a concrete realization have been few, in Albanian; one of the first is Bahri Beci's book "Phonetka e Gjuhës Shqipe. Prishtine" by Anastas Dodit "Standard Albanian in phonological terms. Tirana" In fact, even in European and Western literature there are not many treatises in this field, of which I see with pleasure that the author has reaped what she could and with benefit, especially Giovanni Belluscio's book "How Albanian is pronounced in the Balkan languages, in Albanian and the Balkan languages" and, especially some important works from phonetics and phonology, such as John Lyons " Introduction to Theoretical Linguistics "Peter Ladefoged" Linguistic aspects of respiratory phenomena "Belluscio G.M.G. "Premesse per un 'analisi fonematica contrastiva albanese italiano", especially the work of Kolec Topalli "Historical phonetics of the Albanian language" I have the impression that the lack of literature, especially studies on the valley has been an obvious difficulty of the author. In fact, the interest and importance of this topic arises, therefore, as the author has presented the topic of a doctorate in the field of phonetics - phonology seems to me to be legitimate and welcome. Moreover, the work done by the dissertation have been quite dedicated and with valuable theoretical and especially practical and comparative goals. The purpose and aims of the study are important. The procedure for asserting and highlighting phonetic movements is valid and evaluable. Of course, the one that raises problems and, of course, there are points, controversial side. In closing this part, I emphasize that the corpus of such works where the analysis is based: from Shkurtaj, Beci, etc., are well selected and used quite well for the relevant arguments.

#### 2. Notes

It is noticed that a kind of hyper-correction in the use of some paragraphs that for a doctoral thesis are unnecessary or not brought in the proper descriptive format. For example ... a "Experimental phonetics is a way of researching phonetic data through experimentation, with the aim of testing scientific hypotheses" p.185.

"Phonemes are created in the speech apparatus, when the air flowing from the lungs passes through the trachea ..... the air current passes without causing them to vibrate" p.137.

"Phonemes are formed in the oral cavity and nasal cavity ..... The tongue is the most mobile organ of speech" p.49.

These types of formulations would be more suitable for didactic books, which we hope the author will bring with work and dedication in the continuation of her career.

### 3. Suggestions

The part that is really related to the essence of "transformations in borrowing", where, should have been seen in a really contrasting axis of Albanian with languages in contact with Serbian, Bulgarian and Turkish. A loop could have been made from the beginning, no matter how hard it was, to highlight the morphophonological features of these languages and of Albanian as a separate language, with many special features: the examples from the borrowings should have been accompanied by the counter-argument that these developments are Albanian and not transmitted by the respective languages.

### 4. Ratings

The study is well written and well articulated. Has made abundant and exemplary approaches and examples that realize the purpose for which they were chosen. The terminology is used relatively well and has for reference in the extensive literature and citations. The conclusions are considerable. The topic is current and relevant. The study methods of the analysis of the case under consideration are well justified and reasoned. The paper has good theoretical and practical values, as well as reaches general conclusions of interest on the phonetics of the Presevo Valley.

### Conclusion

From the above, I conclude that the study entitled "Vocal system of the Albanian dialect in the Presevo Valley", by the dissertation student Yllka Imeri meets the necessary requirements and the dimensions of a study that seeks to obtain the degree "Doctor in Philology"

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