

LAUDATIO

KOPI KYÇYKU, Doctor of Sciences, engineer, Academician, Professor of Italian and of Balkan History at the state universities of Tirana and, respectively, Bucharest, was born in the town of Pogradec (Albania), in 1943.

He graduated from the faculties of Geology-Mines and History-Philology (the sections of language-literature and of history-geography) (in 1965, respectively in 1974).

He was Deputy (member of the Foreign Commission of the Albanian Parliament) and filled various important positions in the local administration, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at the General Directorate of the Public Albanian Radio and Television Broadcasting, and at the Academy of Sciences of Albania. In 1969, he was a member of the Albanian Parliament delegation who visited the Republic of Turkey. Between 1966-1971 he was the Vice Prefect of the Pogradec county; between 1974-1979 he was the head of department at the General Direction of Albanian Radio -Television, between 1979-1982 he was the head of department at the Foreign Affair Albanian Ministry, and between 1983-1993 he was the Head of Department of the Academy of Sciences of Albania.

Member of the Writers and Artists Union from Albania (since 1967), he is the author of more than 25 volumes of poetry, short stories, polemics, literary criticism, and over 300 scientific studies.

He is a journalist, essayist, translator of several literary, historical, and geological works from Romanian, Turkish, Italian, French, Russian, English, Bulgarian and Macedonian.

He is a founding member of the “Nicolae Titulescu European Foundation” (1991), a founding member of the International Board of the European Centre for Inter-Ethnic and Communication Studies affiliated to the Romanian Academy (1991), a founding member of the Central Europe Academy of Sciences and Arts, a full member of the European Academy of Arts (Belgium), 2010, a member of Honoric Council of European Academy of Performing Arts (2013), the founding president of the European Association “Atatürk’s Sympathizers” (1991), the president of the “Haemus” Albanian Cultural Association (1998), vice-president of all the international congresses of Romanian Spirituality (din 1993), a member of the Association for Balkan and Slavic Studies (1993), a honorary member of many Academies of different countries, as well as of other European and international scientific forums.

He has participated in numerous scientific congresses and symposiums organized in several countries, and he has, as a Visiting Professor, taught in universities from Europe, Asia, and Africa, being honored with national and international prizes for his academic activity and translations. He held conferences at La Sapienza University in Rome, under the theme of “The Italian-Balkans Relations over the Centuries”. In the field of history, he published in Albanian, as well as in Romanian, the volumes

titled: “Mustapha Kemal Atatürk”, “With Atatürk”, “Post-War Turkey (1945-1985)”, “The Atatürkism and the Turkey in the Third Millennium”, “The Armed Insurrection from Ilinden, Macedonia (1903)”, “Romanian-Albanian Relations across Centuries”, “Aromanians from Albania in the Context of the Balkans”, “Aromanians in the Albanian-Romanian Perspective”, “The History of Albania”, “The History of Macedonia”, “Algeria - the Past and the Present”, “A Short History of Azerbaidjan”, “Heydar Aliyev – One Atatürk of Our Epoch”, “With Riffle and Pen – Hristo Botev“, “Pater - Emil Condurachi”, “Between Refuges and Earthquakes”, aso.

His contribution in the field of history is very important especially in the treatment of the sensible role played during the centuries by the Ottoman language and civilization in the spiritual life of all the Balkan countries: in their culture, in their folklore, in their civilization and in their languages.

He is the author of the treatise titled “Stylistics of the Italian Language”, a discipline that, alongside the Italian History, he taught for years in the State University in Tirana. (1983-1993).

Last but not the least, he is also co-founder and director of the “Haemus” European magazine on culture and traditions, issued in Bucharest since 1998.

Danubius University of Galati is honored to include in the series of illustrious names who have received the title of Doctor Honoris Cauza the name of KOPI KYÇYKU for the special merits previously mentioned and for the the collaboration between Danubius University and the Republic of Albania.

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