

Clasa muncitoare la periferia Imperiului. Organizațiile muncitorești și activitatea acestora în Sibiuul perioadei dualiste

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Abstract

The Working Class at the Empire's Periphery. Workers Organizations and their Activity in Sibiu after the Austro-Hungarian Compromise

Sibiu played an important role in the history of the Saxons and Romanians from Transylvania as a political, economical and cultural center during the second half of the 19th century. While the abovementioned aspects are rather widely studied throughout the years, the organizations and the activities of a rather new social class are not well known. Workers organizations appeared as a consequence of the new economical and political conditions brought by industrialization and the Ausgleich and by studying them we can have a better view regarding the social composition of the city and some examples of dissatisfaction that this new class had. Similar to most of the European continent, Sibiu's social-democrats relied upon the socialist party and the trade unions, although non socialist organizations also existed. Although those organizations were not always successful in achieving their goals, they are important because it helps historians to better understand the social fabric of a city situated at the empire's periphery.

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