

Alegerile și elita parlamentară din perioada interbelică în Ținutul Secuiesc (1919-1939)*

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Abstract

Elections and the Parliamentary Elite in the Interwar Sekler Land (1919-1939)

After the First World War, the region, lived in majority by Hungarians, called Székely Land became part of Greater Romania. The promise of the universal suffrage gave the idea of a democratic Romania. In the interwar period, the Romanian electoral system went through of numerous changes and at the end of the era the self-defined democratic system was changed by a royal dictatorship. Inside Romania the four counties from Székely Land was the electoral basis of the Hungarian national minority's political group, the Hungarian Party and of the government party, which used frequently electoral fraud to obtain the parliamentary majority. The study along with the presentation of the regional elections aims to analyze the political behavior of the regional population group through the contemporary Romanian political system's functioning in this region.

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