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Types of Scattered (“Szórvány”) Hungarian Cluster Communities in Transcarpathian, Ukraine

The Hungarian term “szórvány” (literally: diaspora, but its meaning can be interpreted as scattered minority communities in the majority population) has been used for a long time to differentiate transborder Hungarian communities according to their location and assimilation trajectories. Up until now only a few attempts have been made to group and typify communities labelled as “szórvány”. This is especially true for Transcarpathian, Ukraine, where those living as “szórvány” communities makes up approximately one quarter of the total Hungarian population of the region. However, the idea of “szórvány” is quite ambiguous, and there is no consensus on its exact definition.

Based on both quantitative data analysis and qualitative methods (fieldworks since 2018), the present study aims at giving an overview about how the “szórvány” has been defined and differentiated in Transcarpathia and what the possible factors are that characterize the main types of there Scattered community cluster. We found that although the role of structural features like distance from the relatively contiguous Hungarian settlement area (“block”), ethnic proportions between majority and minority populations, rural-urban settings the allochthonous-autochthonous dichotomy and, local special characteristics are crucial to understanding differences in development paths.

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The Results of the 2020 Local Elections in Romania

Romanian local elections were conducted on September 27, 2020. There included the election of settlement mayors and the members and presidents of country councils. In the competition of Romanian political parties the National Liberal Party (PNL) won most contests, but the expected collapse of Social Democratic Party (PSD) did not occur and the Social Democrats were able to hold on to some important positions. On the third runner-up the USR-PLUS Alliance performed poorly when compared to the EP elections of 2019. However this party captured the mayorship of four large cities and has the potential for future growth. In relation to the results of the Hungarian participants in some areas they have increased their support. After twenty years, they have recaptured the mayorship of Târgu Mureș/Marosvásárhely and have retained the presidencies of four out of five country councils. In the solidly Hungarian counties the ethnic factor did not lead to losses, but in the area of scattered cluster settlements the Hungarian candidates did not enter big city and county councils, there losing important vice-mayor and vice-presidential council positions.

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Judgment of The European Court of Human Rights Concerning Examination Burdens for Students of National Minority Schools

According to the ruling of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in the case of Adam and others versus Romania the curricula and the manner in which the baccalaureate was organized was ruled not to be discriminatory. In this case the six Hungarian students from Transylvania who raised the issue were found not to be in a sufficiently disadvantaged position in the application for the baccalaureate examination. The present analysis gives a factual overview of the case and, without claiming to be exhaustive, examines whether the Court acted with due diligence in assessing the above mentioned difference, between the opportunities of minority and majority students. Was Romania's omission and delay in adapting curricula and examinations for the needs of minority students acceptable under the standards of the European Convention for Human Rights barring discrimination.

Tünde AMBRUS

Székely Village Rehabilitation Efforts After a Pandemic

My work was carried out in the context of Historical Geography and it can contribute to the handling of the crisis caused by the pandemic. It makes people aware of the importance of organization solutions. In this spirit, I will focus on the Székely rules and regulations which include an ecological perspective.