

**PhD. Thesis:**

***“The public record of the emigration of the Romanian Germans between 1978 – 1992”***

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## Summary:

The PhD Thesis “The public record of the emigration of the Romanian Germans between 1978 – 1992” aims to analyze the media discourse on the emigration of ethnic Germans during the mentioned period. The approach of the subject is a constructive one, starting from the premise that articles appearing in the press contribute to the construction of reality as we perceive it. The purpose of the thesis is to check whether this media image in the press may be the equivalent of the historical reality known from historical sources. The thesis also tries to point at possible changes in the media discourse on the emigration of the Germans (accepting - rejecting the fact of accepting in the country a large number of ethnic Germans with full rights). For the research I have selected 2 newspapers and 2 weekly magazines from Germany, 2 publications of German emigrant organizations and 2 newspapers from Romania, the daily *Scânteia* (changed into *Adevărul*) and the German-language newspaper *Neuer Weg*. Articles that appeared during official visits in the analyzed period - including the visit of Chancellor Schmidt (1978) and President of FRG Carstens (1981) in Bucharest, President Ceausescu's visit to Bonn (1984), as well as a series of visits by Foreign Minister Genscher to Romania. As a result of the analysis we can affirm, that the media discourse relies mostly on correct information - apart from some errors and misinterpretations, the image created by the press of that period is correct. However, the conclusion is that this image cannot take the place of documented historical reality. Regarding the changes in the discourse, they were the result of the political class's intention not of journalistic initiative.