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КУЛТУРНО-ПРОСВЕТИТЕЛСКАТА ДЕЙНОСТ НА РУСНАЦИТЕ-ЙЕЗУИТИ ИВАН ГАГАРИН И ИВАН МАТИНОВ НА ФОНА НА РАННАТА СЛАВИСТИКА ПРЕЗ XIX ВЕК

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THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE RUSSIAN JESUITS IVAN GAGARIN AND IVAN MARTINOV ON THE BACKGROUND OF EARLY SLAVIC STUDIES IN THE 19TH CENTURY

This paper discusses aspects of the early Slavic studies in the 19th century in Europe and contextualizes them in the peak of the Enlightenment in the West. A comparison with Imperial Russia at the time is made. The goals and mission of the Bollandists' Society are highlighted. Special attention is placed on the lives and works of the two of the most prolific Russian Jesuits, Ivan Gagarin and Ivan Martinov. Their works are presented in the context of the period and their role for the Russian and Western European societies is discussed. Additionally, this paper provides information on the Orthodox-Catholic relations as well as on Gagarin's attempts to convert Russia into union with the Roman Church. Some new data on Martinov's work, dealing with the Bulgarian language and history, are marked and revealed to the Bulgarian public for the first time.

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