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THE PATRONYMIC STRUCTURE
OF THE TRADITIONAL
TAO-KLARJIAN SETTLEMENT
IN TURKEY**

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ABSTRACT

The system of kinship relations of the Tao and Klarj population, including the terminological model of kinship, had a traditional character. In a structural model, it maintains the typological structure typical to any historical-ethnographic groups of the Georgian people. However, since the Tao and Klarjeti population had to live isolated from their Georgian-speaking related groups in the Ottoman state for a long time since the late Middle Ages and had to develop in a new ethnic environment, their system of kinship has undergone changes which primarily were reflected in the terminology. Georgian terms were frequently replaced by Turkish or Arabic and Persian words transferred via Turkish.

The settlement in Tao-Klarjeti, that is village – Sopeli (Turkish Koy), brought together the localized kinship-genealogical groups. The family name in its classical sense is not attested here. Instead, they had a patronymic organization consisting of genealogical groups originating from a common ancestor. Today, the more common term for these groups is ‘sulale,’ and in Klarjeti, they are also referred to as ‘kebile’. Along with Sulale and Kebile, in Klarjeti, we confirmed a Georgian term – ‘moçqdoma,’ previously unrecognized in Georgian ethnology, which refers to a small genealogical group within the traditional patronymic organization. The term ‘Moçqdoma’ means separating or segmenting from something, more precisely, a segmented branch. It directly conveys the inner essence of the genealogical branches of the patronymic organization – lineage, as a social union.

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