Book Review

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The Bibliography of “Sesler” Journal: Shout of Macedonia and Kosova Turks
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The bibliography of the Selsler Journal which acted an important part in the development of contemporary Turkish literature of Macedonia and Kosova between 1965 and 2001, has been published by Assistant Professor Doctor Ertuğrul Karakuş who is an associate in the Contemporary Turkish Dialects and Literature Division of Faculty of Science and Literature of Kırklareli University.

The “Sesler” Journal continued its broadcast life in Yugoslavia by sometimes being published periodically and sometimes being published irregularly because of the political and economic troubles.

In the journal, a wide range of articles have been given place. These articles have been poetry; stories; theater and cinema writings; researches about language, history, literature and folklore; and writings which have discussed the political, social and economic developments in the period of Socialist Yugoslavia. Therefore the “Sesler” is an indispensable reference guide for researchers who are interested in Balkans in general and who are interested particularly in Balkan Turkishness and who study in the fields of language-literature, fine arts, history, sociology and political sciences.

Aysė Mehmet, Suat Engülü and Enver Ahmet have prepared the bibliographies of the journal in parts and these bibliographies have been published in different issues of the journal. As well some of these bibliographies have been published by Union Publications (Skopje). However, the bibliography of the last 100 issues has not been published yet. Besides, a tidy bibliography of this journal has not been prepared, whereas this journal is so important for Balkan Turks and researchers. Therefore the lack of an important source related to Balkans and Macedonia and Kosova Turks increases the importance of this study.

The “Sesler” journal were published for nearly 36 years. It received support from the state in most of this period. But, it experienced financial difficulties especially in its last years. Therefore some issues were delayed to publish and some issues were published together as one issue.

In this study which is the first tidy bibliography of the “Sesler” journal, the articles have been classified according to their types.

In the bibliography the articles have been classified under six main topics which are stories; poetry; sections from novels; theaters; folk literature products; research-review-criticism; and other prose. The part of the Other Prose was seperated into 8 sub-sections which are literary writings; language and language teaching writings; folklore writings; theater writings; history writings; writings on the political and social issues; interviews; and other writings.

The articles are presented as Surname, Name, “Title of the Article”, Month, Year, Issue, Page Range in the bibliography.

As well it should be mentioned that the scope of the author’s doctoral thesis is the Contemporary Turkish Literature of Macedonia and Kosova which has been formed around this journal.