

Educational and linguistic activity of Sali Gjuka

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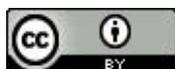
"Only with the advancement of education can the fog of the blinding darkness be lost or dissolved; this is how the blossom of the century is won, otherwise the stock of ignorance cannot be fought..." (Sali Gjukë Dukagjini)¹

Abstract

Among the activists of the Albanian National Renaissance, one of the most prominent figures of Kosovo and all over Albania in the field of Albanian education, culture and science is also distinguished Democrat from Dukagjini, Salih Gjuka, often referred to as **Sali Gjukë Dukagjini**. He is the first Albanian language teacher for the Albanian students, at the Normal School and the Gymnasium of Skopje, who did not spare anything for the freedom and independence of the Fatherland, to distribute the light of knowledge in Albanian territories. After 1960s very little is written and spoken for his activity and contribution in educational, school materials, publicity, poetry, folklore, ethnography and especially in the field of linguistics.² Among the most meritorious for identifying the activity and work that stands behind the pseudonym Gjuk Shala, Xhuk and Gjuk Dukagjini, Shqypja (1911-1912) is the passionate scholar of this author. He appears indirectly in the studies done by many authors³. Pirraku had identified that behind this pseudonym stand the works of this Renaissance man, collaborator of the magazine "Shkupi". In 1910, Gjuka published the linguistic work "Gramer teorik."⁴

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