

## Editorial

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In this, the first issue of volume 27, we are proud to share with our readers an interview with Emeritus Professor Donald Rayfield of Queen Mary, University of London, one of the UK's leading experts on Georgian language and literature. With characteristic wit and insight, Rayfield discusses not only the past and present of Georgian literature and its representation abroad, but also his personal engagement with it over the last thirty years, which has brought him to the forefront of the field internationally. Our article 'Regional Enlightenment in Transylvania' by Maria Iulia Florutau is an insightful examination of educational reform in Transylvania in the Age of Enlightenment. Florutau explores the origins and effects of Bishops Klein and Aron's reforms, casting light on a crucial stage in the Enlightenment forty years before the advent of the Transylvanian School.

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