

**ON THE ISSUE  
OF COMMON ROOTS AND  
STEMS OF SVAN AND MEGRELIAN-LAZ**

**ABSTRACT**

In Svan and Megrelian-Laz, several of such roots and stems were revealed that are common for both of them. Besides, a part of the Svan forms has remained unnoticed by scholars working on etymological materials. The present paper explores such lexical units.

It is not unusual that the forms typical to Svan are not found in the works in the field of etymology. Such examples are as follows: literary Georgian **ṭqav**: Megrelian-Laz **ṭqeb** / **ṭkeb** / **ṭeb**. No Svan stem **ṭqebera** ("winter shoes made from raw leather") is specified. In addition, literary Georgian **mčuisi** :Megrelian-Laz **čišapa** (pursuing, catching up), however, the Svan **esčiš** ("he/she is following someone, is pursuing someone") is missing. **car** / **cer** root is contrasted only to the Megrelian-Laz **cir** / **cor** variants, leaving the Svan form **heciri** unspecified. Similar situation is in **čer** / **čris** and **čkir** forms. The Svan **hečkuri** is missing. **kec** and **ki** variants are specified without their Svan counterpart **iķči** / **iķiči**, etc.

The relevant materials are to be identified and expanded to the extent possible. The study of the Svan material will reveal many cases interesting for the history of the Kartvelian language.

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