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ON THE LEXEME *GVARI* (FAMILY NAME) IN EURO-ASIAN  
LINGUISTIC SPACE

Since long Georgian historiography has considered the term *gvari* (sid, clan) as the original root word belonging to the basic Georgian stock vocabulary (I. Tchqonia), and not to the borrowings. The reason for such conjecture is quite clear as the word has established in the language since, at least, old Georgian written records (8 th-10th cc), (I. Abuladze). In addition to this the social organization denoted by this term is of common Georgian nature that had arisen in the soil of the traditional system of the social relationships. The expansion of historical, cultural, anthropologic and linguistic research scopes has gradually made it evident that the origin of the term *gvari* is related to quite a remote ethno-linguistic layers of the ancient world.