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**ON THE DETERMINATION OF THE ROLE OF SVANETI
IN FEUDAL GEORGIA**

In the historical development of Feudal Georgia the role of Svaneti is of great importance in terms of political and economic viewpoints. This idea is confirmed by historical records. The political importance of Svaneti increases in the epoch of the united Georgian feudal monarchy (the period of the advanced feudalism). As for the period of the collapse of the united Georgian statehood (late feudal period) the province suffers from the weakening of political and economic ties between the mountainous region and of the plain population that not only dwindles the role of Svaneti for this period but also causes the disintegration of Svaneti proper into the smaller administrative and political units.