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ON THE SEMANTICS OF *UARSHIO*

Uarshio, a derived adjective of confixal formation: (*arshia* > *u-arsio-o*) is first found in Sul Khan-Saba's *Sitqvis Kona* (Dictionary) and is defined as: "გაუწყობელი კაცი," 'brash,' 'unaccomplished man'. The entry is not provided with correspondent context in the dictionary. Lately, based on one of Sul Khan-Saba Orbeliani's fable and on a Georgian dialect *uarshio* was understood as stubborn, obstinate, the one who is hard to convince in sth., a person of bad manners. Academic edition of *the Dictionary of the Georgian Language* has this latter definition for the meaning of the word. However, the data of Meskho-Javakhanian dialect suggests that the initial meaning of *uarshio* should be უნათლო, უგერგლო, მოუხერხებელი, "გაუწყობელი" (gawky, ungainly, awkward, inexpert, unaccomplished') which could have been developed easily into the synonym of ჯუტი ('obstinate').