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**VOCABULARY OF ARABIC ORIGIN
IN GEORGIAN SLANG**

Words and expressions borrowed from oriental languages, including Arabic, have an important place in the lexis of Georgian.

Georgian-Arab relations start from the very first centuries of the spread of Islam. In the course of the centuries the language contact between Georgian and oriental (Arabic, Turkish, Persian) languages led to the transfer of the Arabic lexis into Georgian.

Arabic borrowings that have been established in the Georgian language are different in nature and date back to various epochs; one part of the borrowings became part of the Georgian language due to the actual interaction between the languages, while the other part was transferred directly from Arabic or other languages (Persian, Turkish, Armenian, etc.) into Georgian through literary sources.

The article is dealing with the lexical units of Arabic origin that occur in Georgian slang. When applied in Georgian, such words mostly have a modified meaning or contain additional semantic nuances, for example, *aripi*, *a'vari*, *baiti*, *bairamoba*, *kaipi*, *laqapi*, *maquti*, *sipati*, *qomari*, *šarapi*, etc.