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### GEORGIAN MANUSCRIPTS OF SEILANIANI - HEROIC COMPOSITION OF THE RENAISSANCE PERIOD

*Seilaniani* is an extensive work of heroic character of the Georgian literature. It portrays the adventures full of battles and romantic encounters of Seilan SahibKirani, an invulnerable hero, the son of Turkestan King.

*Seilaniani* is a Persian novel translated by Prince Ioane Bagrationi. The Georgian version of *Seilaniani* is preserved in several manuscripts being kept at the National Center of Manuscripts of Georgia, Kutaisi State History Museum, St. Petersburg Library named after M. Saltykov-shchedrin, the Institute of Oriental Studies in St. Petersburg.

In terms of its structure, *Seilaniani* does not have an undivided thematic plot. It has a cyclic design with numerous interrelated story lines and episodes.