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## SOME OF THE HISTORIOGRAPHICAL PROBLEMS OF ZANGEZUR'S HISTORY

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Zangezur, the mountainous region that now makes up the southern territory of Armenia and separates the main territory of Azerbaijan from Nakhchivan, has long been a subject of debate in historiography over the ownership of these lands by these two countries. It is no secret that Armenian historiography has been trying to justify in academic circles the alleged exclusivity of the regions Armenian population and its belonging to Greater Armenia almost since the ancient period. Many books have been published in Armenia and beyond in which the region of Zangezur is presented as a so-called Armenian region, contrary to scientific and historical literature and numerous primary sources. The irrefutable evidence and numerous reliable facts presented in this article expose the falsifications and invalidity of these theories concerning the history of Zangezur of the 7-12th centuries.

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