

## **CHAMS' FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (1930-1939)**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Chams are the inhabitants of the region of Chameria. This toponym was used under the Ottoman Empire jurisdiction up to the 1937, during the Metaxa's Regime in Greece. This paper aims to show how chams' rights were almost always disrespected since the beginning of the annexation. The methodology will focus on the qualitative analysis of historical data through a deductive approach. In the 1930s, three main issues characterized the background of this minority's rights: the property disputes, the difficult implementation of the right for an education in their mother-tongue and the propaganda aiming at forcing them to emigrate. During the 1930s, Chams tried to appeal also at the League of Nations for their conflicts with the Greek authorities. Anyway, these conflicts in most of the cases were closed as soon as the observations of the Greek Government were made present to this international organization. In the 1930s, their fundamental rights were still suppressed in the greater part of the cases, while they neither had the international support.

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