

## **JANET BYRON FOR A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE HISTORY OF THE ALBANIAN LANGUAGE PLANNING**

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### **Abstract**

Our article has as object of his own the book “Selection between alternatives on the standardization of language: the case of Albanian”, published in 1976 by Janet Byron. First we will see who was Byron and what her motives were to take the analysis of language planning model in the standardization of the Albanian case, only a few years after completion. What was the impact that it had, from the development of sociolinguistics, as a new field of study at that time? The methodology followed by its linguistic analysis of the facts is quite interesting and comprehensive. It makes a combination between facts and interpretations by social factors and linguistic politics of the time, which led to the crystallization of standard Albanian. Theoretical support in the international contemporary publications and the level of exploitation of Albanian literature is an important and useful book. Part of our review is the recognition and interpretation that this book was made in Albania during the communist era? Why was reprinted in 2010 and who has an interest for many years after first publication? As was expected translation and publication of the book in English in 2012?

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