

**ANTOINE MELLIET**  
**(1866-1936)**



**Biography**

A. Meillet was an outstanding French linguist, the author of numerous of studies in the field of Indo-European linguistics, comparative linguistics, Latin and Greek languages, Slavistics, Iranistics, Armenology. In 1885-1889 he studied at the Paris-Sorbonne University. Among his teachers were M. Bréal, F. de Saussure and O. Carriere. From 1903 until 1936 A. Meillet worked at College de France where he taught comparative grammar of Indo-European languages and General linguistics.

After graduating Sorbonne A.Meillet continued his education in different Armenological institutions. In 1890-1891 he visited the Armenian Mechitarist congregation at Vienna where he deepened his knowledge of Armenian under the supervision of H.Tashean. In 1891 and 1893 he carried studies in the Matenadaran of Echmiadzin, Armenia.

Armenological heritage of A. Meillet is impressive. His monographs and numerous articles (about 150), along with that of O. Carriere, H. Hubschmann and others paved way for further studies of Armenian language throughout the world. His studies cover a wide spectrum of Armenian linguistics, as well as history.

A. Meillet was active also in the organization of Armenological institutions. With his colleagues A.Meillet founded «Société des Études Arméniennes» (1919) and «Revue des Études Arméniennes» (1920), both active today. He was one of the teachers of the prominent Armenian linguist Hrachia Adjaryan.

Along with linguistics A.Meillet was involved in political affairs regarding current events of the history of Armenia. He responded to the massacres of Armenians in 1915, the position of European countries in Armenian question, developments in the First Republic of Armenia, the treaty of Lausanne regarding its position towards Armenia, etc. Along with Anatole France he compiled a letter addressed to famous French intellectuals and political figures in order to support Armenia.

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