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Bridging, Education, Research, and the Balkans

ABOUT US

Balkan Studies Foundation, born from the Fettah Efendi Education and Thought Association, is a beacon of academic excellence and social progress in North Macedonia and the Balkans. With a rich history of educational and research endeavors, BSF is committed to fostering regional development through scientific inquiry, inclusive education, and collaborative publication initiatives. Our core values of originality, autonomy, critical thinking, competence, and inclusivity drive our mission to cultivate a vibrant intellectual community and empower future generations of scholars and citizens in the Balkans and beyond.

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RESEARCH CENTERS

CENTER FOR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

The Center for Political, Economic, and Social Research stands at the forefront of fostering informed decision-making and societal awareness across the Balkans. Our multifaceted approach encompasses critical analysis and publication on key areas such as democratization, legal reforms, EU integration, foreign policy, economy, social structures, and energy projects.

Our scientific journals, including the Journal of Balkan Studies and the Journal of Balkan Economies and Management, constitute key platforms for the dissemination of scholarly research and the advancement of academic discourse.

We navigate the complex landscape of the Balkans, striving to promote informed decision-making, advance academic research, and foster regional cooperation and understanding.

ABDÜLFETTAH RAUF RESEARCH CENTER

Dedicated to illuminating the rich tapestry of history and culture in the Balkans, our research center is committed to scholarly inquiry and publication. We delve into the histories, cultures, literary texts, and biographies of the peoples and countries of the Balkans, shedding light on diverse perspectives and narratives.

Through collaborative efforts, we aim to unearth untold stories, preserve cultural legacies, and enrich scholarly discourse on the multifaceted history of the Balkans and its Islamic heritage.

SKOPJE ACADEMY RESEARCH CENTER

Dedicated to addressing the enduring crises facing the Balkans with a vision of cultivating individuals who embody the virtues of goodness, truth, and beauty. Our center prioritizes the cultivation of knowledge, morality, and competence, shaping individuals who are equipped to navigate the complexities of the modern world.

Our programs, tailored for undergraduate and postgraduate students, offer seminars, book readings, workshops, and academic guidance, providing a holistic educational experience.

Our endeavor is to cultivate thoughtful and principled leaders who will contribute to positive change in the Balkans and beyond.

THE CENTER FOR BALKAN DIGITAL HUMANITIES

At Balkan Digital Humanities, our mission is to explore the intricate tapestry of political, economic, historical, and social issues in the Balkans through the lens of digital innovation. Through cutting-edge research and interdisciplinary collaboration, we aim to push the boundaries of academic inquiry and deepen our understanding of Balkan dynamics.

As a nexus of scholarly exchange, Balkan Digital Humanities organizes educational activities and academic meetings to amplify research impact across the region. By fostering global partnerships and integrating international knowledge, we strive to enrich scholarly discourse and cultivate a vibrant intellectual community. We embark on this transformative journey, bridging tradition and innovation to advance Balkan studies into the digital age with Balkan Digital Humanities.

IDEFE PUBLISHING HOUSE

IDEFE Publications stands as a cornerstone in the realm of academic discourse, dedicated to enriching the understanding of the Balkan region through scholarly works and translations.

Our primary focus lies in disseminating academic studies tailored for the Balkans, providing a platform for in-depth analysis and research on the region's political, historical, and sociological landscape.

In addition to fostering academic inquiry, IDEFE Publications is committed to broadening access to seminal works in politics, history, sociology, Islamic sciences, and other Balkan-focused subjects. Through translations into regional languages such as Turkish, Albanian, and Bosnian, we aim to facilitate cross-cultural dialogue and understanding.

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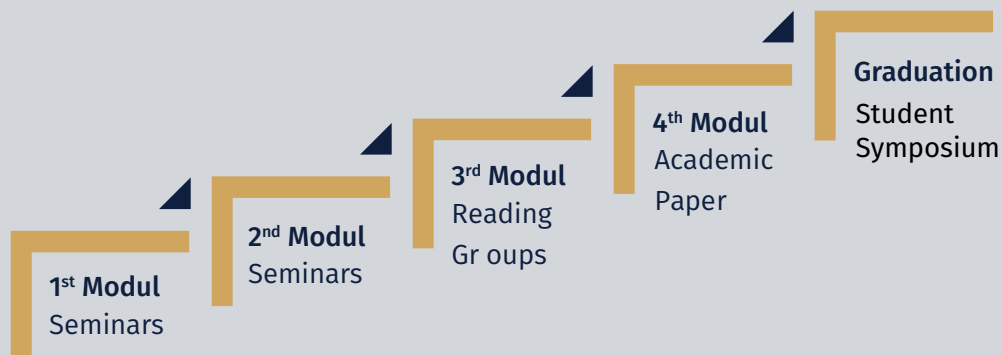
SKOPJE ACADEMY



SKOPJE ACADEMY PROGRAM

The Skopje Academy is a forum where participants have the chance to discuss their views on the world, the Balkans, cities, societies, and people to develop a perspective on the social sciences. With an interdisciplinary approach that places social sciences at the center, it aims to engage participants through the processes of listening, reading, and writing.

The Skopje Academy is a one-year training program that includes seminars, reading groups, excursions, and an academic writing process. The first and second modules consist of seminars, the third module includes reading workshops, and the fourth module covers the academic writing process.





SKOPJE ACADEMY STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

The Student Symposium represents the final stage of the Skopje Academy graduation process. Following the successful completion of an intensive four-module academic program, students present the scholarly papers they have developed throughout their studies. The symposium serves as a platform for participants to demonstrate the academic knowledge, research skills, and intellectual engagement they have acquired during the program. Through the presentation of their original research, students formally conclude their academic journey and graduate as alumni of the Skopje Academy.





BALKAN İHTİSAS ÇALIŞMALARI 2026 Tez Sunumları



Dr. Meral Jahjaj
Balkanlar'da
Neo-Selefi Hareketleri:
Bosna-Hersek, Kosova ve
Makedonya

25 Nisan 2026, Cumartesi



Hafsa Rushiti
Çağdaş Arnavutluk'taki
Bektaşî Teğkeleri ve
Faaliyetleri Üzerine
Bir Araştırma

25 Haziran 2026, Perşembe



Ayşenur Canbaz
Güney Bulgaristan'da
Alevilik Bektaşîlik
(Kırcaali-Hasköy Örneği)

25 Temmuz 2026, Cumartesi



Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Hümin Ali
Balkan Türk Edebiyatının
Tayıncısı Olarak Balkan
Türk Yazın Basımının Rolü
Üzerine

25 Ağustos 2026, Salı



Prof. Dr. Necmettin Alkan
1878 Bosna İşgali
Karikatürü

25 Ekim 2026, Pazar

BSF BALKAN
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BALKAN ADVANCED STUDIES

The Balkan Advanced Studies, operating under the Skopje Academy, aims to bring together the scattered academic research on the region within an interdisciplinary and comprehensive framework. As one of the main centers of the Balkan Studies Foundation, it provides participants with in-depth expertise through working groups and high-quality seminar programmes in the fields of Islam, Politics, History, and Literature and Media. The programme's core mission is to raise the standards of knowledge production in the region by cultivating a generation of competent researchers who can think about the Balkan geography in its own terms, maintain a connection with local texts, and hold their own at an international academic level.



BALKAN YOUTH SCHOOL

The Balkan Youth School is a program aimed at providing education, development, and cultural interaction opportunities for young people. This school addresses cultural, historical, and social topics to enhance the knowledge and understanding of its participants. Through seminars, reading groups, workshops, and excursions, the program contributes to the personal and academic development of the youth.



RAMADAN TALKS

The aim of Ramadan Talks is to foster knowledge exchange and engage in in-depth discussions on Islamic culture and civilization in an academic setting, taking advantage of the spiritual atmosphere of the month of Ramadan. The program aims to bring together scholars, thinkers, and young people in the field.



BSF ALUMNI MEETINGS

BSF Alumni Meetings is a program series designed to strengthen institutional belonging and foster a multi-layered platform of interaction between alumni from different cohorts and current members of the Balkan Studies Foundation. These gatherings aim to contribute to the continuity of institutional memory by enabling participants from various periods to engage in mutual acquaintance, exchange of experiences, and the development of interdisciplinary dialogue.

The program also prioritizes reinforcing the relationship between the alumni network and the institution, as well as establishing a sustainable structure of communication. Through education- and field trip-oriented activities, it seeks to support the academic, intellectual, and social development of participants.

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ACADEMIC EVENTS

CONGRESSES

Our Congress stands as a beacon of interdisciplinary collaboration and academic excellence, aimed at fostering qualified and original academic output in the field of social sciences. With a mission to enhance the quality of post-graduate studies and promote academic interaction within the Balkans, our Congress serves as a platform for versatile communication and experience transfer to young academicians. By encouraging interdisciplinary approaches, our Congress seeks to address the challenges faced by states and societies in the Western Balkans post-1990, fostering a common language and method for overcoming difficulties. Join us at our Congress as we embark on a journey of academic discovery, collaboration, and innovation in the dynamic landscape of the Balkans.



1. BSC Skopje



2. BSC Tirana



3. BSC İstanbul



4. BSC Sarajevo



5. BSC Skopje



SYMPOSIUMS

Our foundation is dedicated to establishing a mechanism that facilitates connectivity between North Macedonia, the Balkans, and beyond, promoting interaction and mobility in the realms of research, education, and publication. Within this framework, our foundation hosts numerous scientific studies, including symposiums aimed at championing academic excellence, fostering interdisciplinary research, and deepening our comprehension of the Balkan region.



CONFERENCES

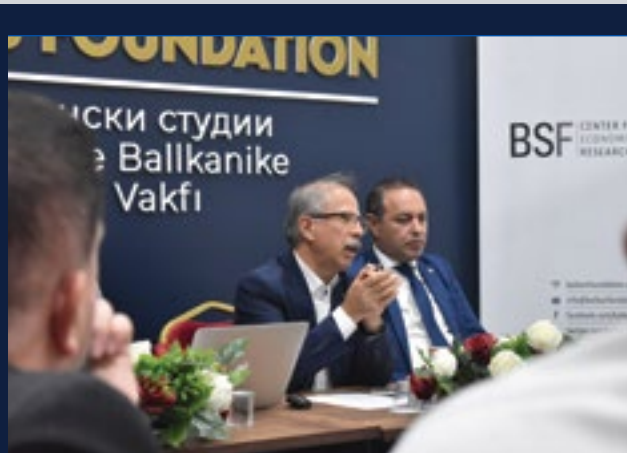
The Balkan Studies Foundation is committed to fostering academic dialogue and research on the historical, political, and cultural dimensions of the Balkans. Our international conferences bring together scholars, experts, and policymakers from around the world to engage in thought-provoking discussions and share groundbreaking research.

From historical narratives to contemporary geopolitical dynamics, our conferences provide a platform for interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration. We aim to create a space where diverse perspectives contribute to a deeper understanding of the region's past, present, and future.



WORKSHOPS

Our foundation also organizes workshops designed to create interactive and practice-oriented learning environments. These workshops aim to enhance participants' skills, encourage knowledge exchange, and support collaborative thinking across disciplines. By bringing together scholars, researchers, and practitioners, the workshops contribute to strengthening academic networks, fostering innovative approaches, and deepening engagement with key issues related to North Macedonia, the Balkans, and beyond.





INTERNATIONAL BALKAN SUMMER SCHOOL

International Balkan Summer School is an academic program tailored for postgraduate students and researchers focusing on Balkan studies. It aims to bring together 25-30 distinguished participants who are engaged in or have completed advanced studies (Master's or Ph.D.) related to the Balkans. To ensure the highest academic standards, participants are selected based on the quality of their submitted articles, which undergo a rigorous review process by the scientific and academic board. This selective approach ensures a highly specialized and intellectually stimulating environment for exploring Balkan-related topics.

BALKAN STUDIES FOUNDATION

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 Fondacioni për Studime Ballkanike
 Balkan Çalışmaları Vakfı



PANELS

Our primary objective is to cultivate a new generation of intellectuals through our panel discussions. These panels are dedicated to addressing contemporary challenges within the developing world, facilitated by experts in respective fields. As an outcome of these discussions, we publish analyses that provide indepth insights and contribute to ongoing scholarly and policy debates.

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RESEARCH PROJECTS

BALKAN PERIODICALS: THE TRAJECTORY OF ISLAMIC THOUGHT, 1918-2018

Spanning from 1918 to 2018, the research delves into the periodicals published across the Balkan geography, examining the evolution of Islamic thought amidst the backdrop of historical transformations and societal shifts. By analyzing magazines and newspapers from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Greece, Montenegro, Croatia, Serbia, and Romania, the project aims to uncover the diverse range of ideas surrounding fiqh/law, kalam, state, society, politics, nation, culture, and women.

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Through this exploration, the project seeks to unveil the transformations, ruptures, and continuity of Bosnian, Albanian, and Turkish Muslim identities at both national and regional levels. By providing a comprehensive overview of the trajectory of Islamic thought in the Balkans, this project promises to contribute significantly to scholarly understanding and discourse in the field.

The inventory process has been successfully completed through the meticulous work of seven researchers in their respective regions. Within this scope, 340 periodicals collected from different regions have been included in the inventory, resulting in a comprehensive archive comprising 15,000 issues and 2,500 pages.

The digitization process, however, is still ongoing. Technical infrastructure efforts are underway to transfer the collected periodicals and inventory data to digital platforms. Once this process is complete, the inventory is expected to become easily accessible to researchers and interested parties.



BALKAN ECONOMIES: STRUCTURE, TRANSITION, AND TRANSFORMATION (1991-2023)

The Balkans, a region of profound historical and geopolitical significance, has undergone dramatic economic transformations over the past three decades. Following the dissolution of Yugoslavia in 1991, newly independent states, including North Macedonia, faced significant challenges in restructuring their economies, transitioning from socialist systems to market-oriented models, and integrating into the global economic order. The “Balkan Economies: Structure, Transition, and Transformation (1991-2023)” research project aims to examine the economic trajectories of various Balkan countries, as North Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania etc. while providing comparative insights into the broader region.

BALKAN POLITICS: PARTIES, IDEOLOGIES, AND SOCIETY (1991-2024)

The period between 1991 and 2024 marks a transformative era for Balkan politics, shaped by the dissolution of Yugoslavia, the emergence of new nation-states, the region's ongoing integration into the global political landscape as EU and NATO. This period has been characterized by significant political, social, and ideological shifts, as well as challenges in achieving democratic consolidation, regional stability, and socio-economic progress.

This research Project aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the political evolution in the Balkans over the past three decades. It explores the dynamics of political parties, the ideological underpinnings of governance, and the interplay between politics and society in shaping the region's contemporary identity.

OTTOMANS AND BALKANS: SCIENCES AND CENTERS (1500-1800)

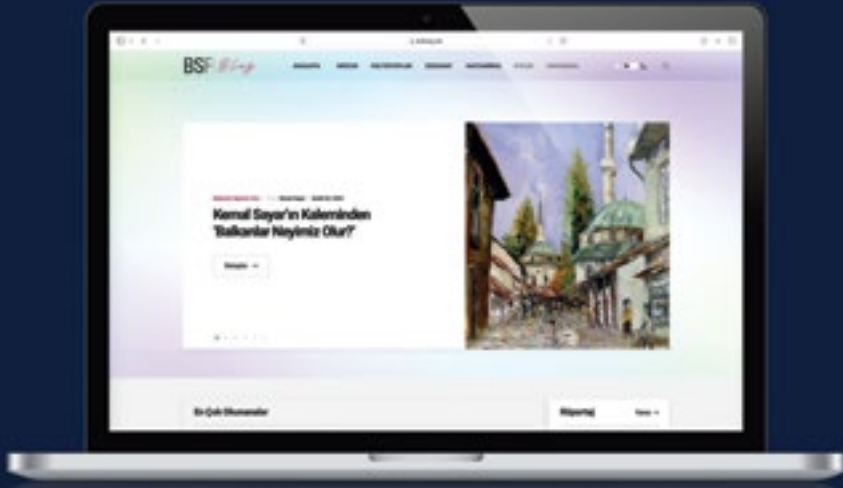
This research project aims to establish an international platform to evaluate the intellectual works of the Balkans—also referred to as Ottoman Europe—through an interdisciplinary lens. The primary goal is to uncover the sciences and intellectual hubs in the Balkans between 1500 and 1800. This project also seeks to integrate this heritage into modern contexts.

By analyzing historical intellectual hubs, connecting them with contemporary cultural dynamics, and developing a forward-looking roadmap, this initiative promises to contribute significantly to both academic scholarship and cultural integration efforts.

BALKAN SOCIAL SURVEY

The primary aim of this project is to produce long-term scientific data on the social structures of the Balkans. By generating this data, the project seeks to provide policymakers and stakeholders with a foundation for conducting comparative analyses and interpretations of the social structures of Balkan countries, supported by time-series data. These comparative insights will illuminate the transformations, ruptures, and future perspectives of the social structures within the Balkans and their respective nations.

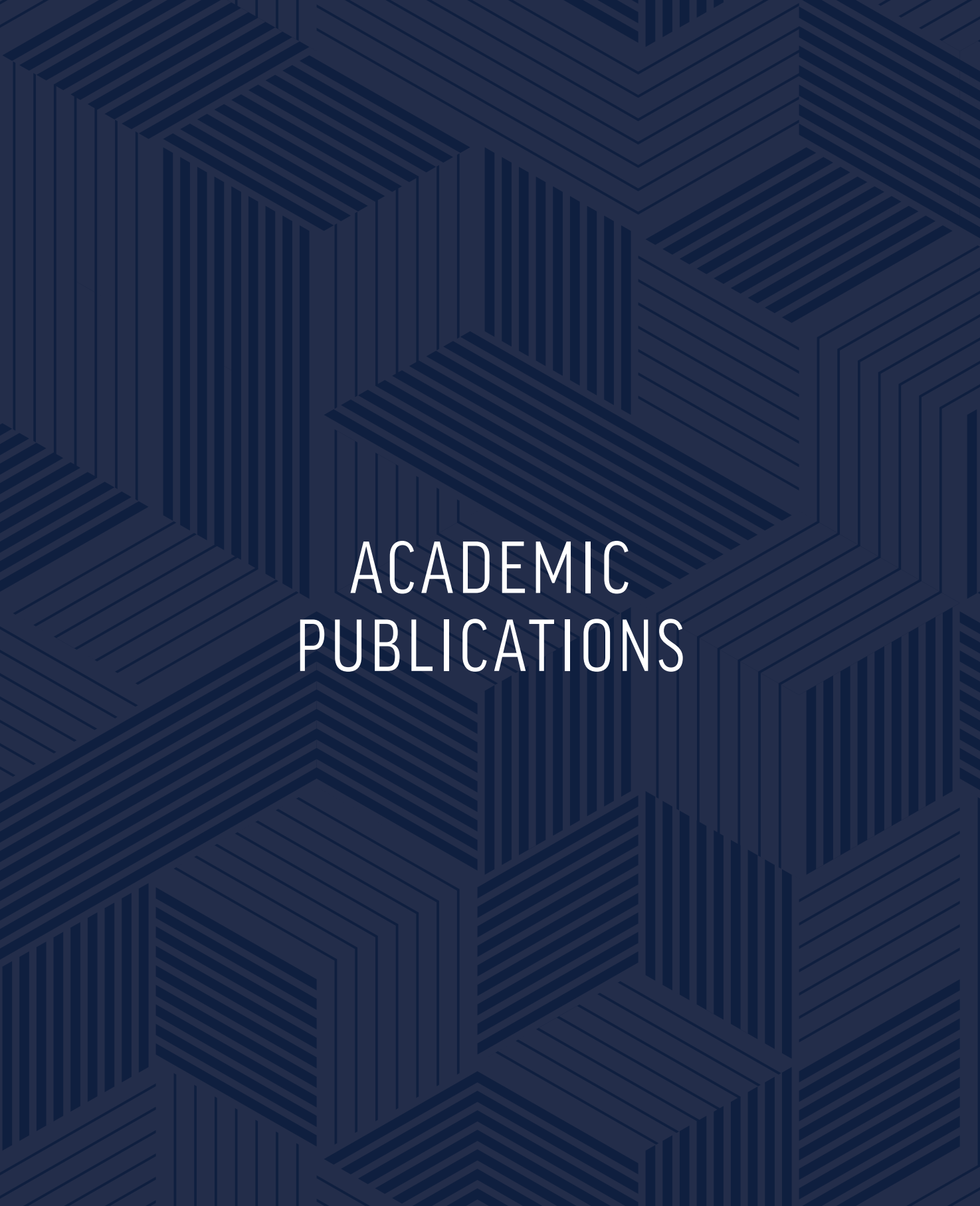
In the initial phase, the project will focus on a short-term objective by analyzing the social structure of North Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania. Surveys will be conducted to gather data on these variables (demography, socio-economic structure, working life, housing, settlement, transportation, migration) which will then be analyzed to identify constants, trends, and expectations. This analysis will serve as the groundwork for understanding the broader patterns and tendencies within North Macedonia, Kosovo, and Albanian's social framework.



BSF | *Blog*

The BSF Blog is an interdisciplinary platform that examines the historical, cultural, and social dynamics of the Balkan region. Operating under an open-access policy, the blog caters not only to academics and researchers but also to students and the general readership interested in the region. With a wide range of topics and meticulously prepared content, the BSF Blog aims to enhance knowledge about the Balkans and provide a foundation for intellectual discussions.

Committed to sharing the region's rich history, culture, and social structures with a broader audience, the blog hosts articles prepared with innovative and interdisciplinary approaches, offering a valuable resource for anyone seeking deeper insights into the Balkans.

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ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS



JOURNAL OF BALKAN STUDIES

The Journal of Balkan Studies serves as a platform for rigorous academic inquiry and knowledge production in the fields of history, sociology, theology, political science, international relations and psychology. Committed to methodological rigor and theoretical depth, the journal welcomes original research articles, reviews, case reports, book reviews, and letters to the editor.

Published in an open access and online format, the Journal of Balkan Studies upholds strict peer review standards to ensure the quality and integrity of published works. With an editorial board dedicated to adhering to international publication standards, the journal is committed to fostering academic excellence and advancing scholarly discourse in the field.



JOURNAL OF BALKAN ECONOMIES AND MANAGEMENT

The Journal of Balkan Economies and Management (JBEM) is dedicated to publishing original scientific research that advances understanding of economic and management practices within the Balkan region. Our mission is to foster academic excellence by disseminating methodologically rigorous, theoretically sound, and empirically robust research. Upholding a commitment to methodological rigor and scholarly excellence, the journal invites submissions including original research articles, reviews, case studies, book reviews, and letters to the editor.

Published in an open-access and online format, Journal of Balkan Economies and Management ensures a robust peer review process to maintain the integrity and quality of its publications. Guided by an editorial board devoted to international publication standards, the journal aims to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and foster intellectual dialogue in its respective fields.

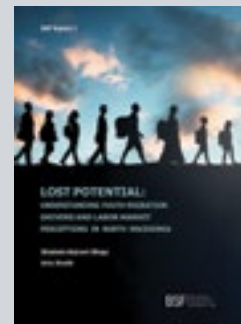
BSF ANALYSIS

Balkan Studies Foundation and as BSF analysis focuses on highlighting the political, economic, and social dynamics of the Balkans, playing a crucial role in exploring potential solutions. Our in-depth analysis not only unravels the complexities of the region but also provides essential insights to address challenges and foster sustainable growth.

Focus



Report



Research Paper



Perspective



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Commentaries



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OSMANLI AVRUPASI'NDA BİLİM VE DÜŞÜNCE: BİLİMLER, BİLGİNLER, ESERLER

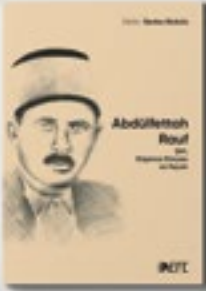
The territories of Rumelia from the early Ottoman period referred to as the Balkans in the late period and retrospectively termed Ottoman Europe by contemporary scholars maintained an exceptional status for seven centuries. While this district was initially shaped by the orientation of Ottoman conquest policy toward the West, historical research must also account for the fact that a profound intellectual and spiritual bond developed between scholars and students in this region and their counterparts in the Ottoman heartland and other Muslim lands a bond that strengthened over time. This volume undertakes to examine the scholars who emerged and the works produced across various disciplines in Ottoman Europe predominantly in the mathematical, natural, and philosophical sciences while further elucidating the inter-regional networks sustained through both these individuals and their scholarly output.



OSMANLI AVRUPASI'NDA SİYASET, HUKUK VE ŞEHİR: BİR ENTELEKTÜEL COĞRAFYANIN TEŞEKKÜLÜ

The historical trajectory of the Ottoman Empire has long been conceived as a unidirectional administrative and cultural flow extending from the center to the periphery. This volume challenges such a prevailing assumption by bringing together studies that demonstrate how the Empire's European territories particularly the Balkan region were not merely zones of conquest, but rather dynamic "basins" in which Ottoman political thought, legal order, and urban culture were actively reproduced and rearticulated.

Spanning a broad chronological range from the sixteenth to the nineteenth century, this collection traces the contours of Ottoman intellectual life across a geographical arc extending from Skopje to Tirana, and from Buda to Bitola, thereby illuminating the enduring imprint of Ottoman scholarly and cultural production in the region.



ABDÜLFETTAH RAUF: ŞİİRİ, DÜŞÜNCE DÜNYASI VE HAYATI

This work is devoted to Abdülkettah Rauf, a poet and scholar of the Balkans. He emerged as one of the prominent figures among Muslim communities who, during the first two phases of the twentieth century, experienced the loss of their economic, political, and cultural authority in the region. At the same time, he embodied the institutional legacy and intellectual ethos established by Islamic civilization in these lands.

His poetry, composed particularly between 1927 and 1963, assumes the character of a manifesto that affirms and preserves the cultural presence of Muslim communities who were forced to retreat, marginalized, and subjected to erasure. In this respect, his work stands as a deliberate act of historical inscription, bearing witness to a contested and transforming cultural landscape.



ABDÜLFETTAH RAUF: ŞAİR, ŞUUR VE ŞİİR

This volume constitutes one of the principal outcomes of the II International Symposium on Abdülkettah Rauf: Poet and Scholar of the Balkans held in Skopje on 25–26 April 2025, with the participation of distinguished academics and literary figures from various cities in Türkiye. It represents the product of a comprehensive scholarly effort that examines Abdülkettah Rauf from multiple perspectives.

Emerging in the aftermath of the symposium, the work approaches Abdülkettah Rauf's poetry not only as an aesthetic mode of expression but also as a layered field of inquiry shaped by historical, social, and intellectual dimensions, thereby enabling a multifaceted and in-depth reading.

ÜSKÜP'TE MEDDAH MEDRESESI

This work aims to place on record a concise historical account of the institutional responses developed by Muslim communities striving to sustain their existence as minorities under the rule of a new post-Ottoman civilizational order.

Nearly a century has passed since the Meddah Madrasa one of the earliest Ottoman madrasas in the Balkans was revitalized and reconstituted in 1923 by Ataullah Kurtish, a graduate of the Fatih Madrasa, thereby assuming a renewed institutional form.

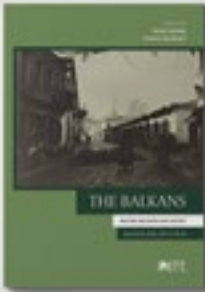
In this context, a symposium was convened in Skopje on 7–8 November 2023 through the collaboration of the Balkan Studies Foundation, the Foundation for Research in Islamic Sciences, the International Balkan University, the Muftiny of Skopje, and the Higher Islamic Institute of Sofia. The present volume, composed of revised and expanded versions of the papers presented at the symposium, is intended to serve as a key reference work in its field, addressing a wide range of issues encountered, confronted, and interpreted by Muslim communities in the post-Ottoman Balkans.



THE BALKANS: HISTORY, RELIGION AND SOCIETY BALKANLAR: TARİH, DİN VE TOPLUM

The study of Balkan history generally involves understanding the rich and complex history of the region, its ethnic and religious diversity, the transition from empires to nation-states, dynamics of conflict and cooperation, changes in the post-Cold War period, integration processes with the European Union, and regional/international interventions for regional stability. Since 2000, research units based in Athens, Istanbul, Belgrade, Sofia, Sarajevo, etc., have begun to include cultural studies, microhistorical studies, migrations, biographies, thereby creating a rich literature on the region.

This volume aims to make a small contribution to the emerging research trends in the field of Balkan studies. In this volume, young and qualified researchers from various countries in the Balkans examine topics ranging from military borders to migrations, periodicals to orphan institutions, and the Çanakkale War to dervish lodges.



THE BALKANS: POLITICS, HISTORY AND SOCIETY

The world today faces profound challenges—global security, climate change, trade imbalances, democratization, legal uncertainties, epidemics, failed states, and terrorism—all threatening humanity's progress and well-being. The Balkans, shaped by these global currents throughout history, remains deeply interconnected with broader political, historical, and cultural transformations. Despite the region's progress in institutional development and cooperation over the last quarter-century, its journey toward integration with global norms and institutions continues.

This volume explores the dynamic and complex history of the Balkans, delving into its ethnic and religious diversity and the profound impact of nation-state building and imperial dissolutions over the past two centuries. Recent research has expanded beyond traditional nationalist and state-centric narratives, embracing cultural studies, women's issues, migrations, micro-history, biographies, and socio-economic structures. These fresh perspectives are vital for fostering a research culture that can contribute to the region's growth and global integration.





BALKANLAR'DAN PORTRERLER: *İNSAN, İKTİDAR VE HAFIZA*

Ottoman historiography has long been shaped under the influence of center-oriented, macro-level narratives that privilege the institutional functioning of the state and major political events. While this approach offers a useful framework for understanding the Empire's vast geography and centuries-long dominion, it has at times relegated to the background the "human" as the primary subject of history, along with the multilayered relationship individuals establish with space. Yet history is not solely composed of imperial edicts, wars, or treaties it is equally the story of those who lived through, shaped, or were subjected to these processes.

Titled Portraits from the Balkans: Human, Power, and Memory, this volume represents the outcome of a collective scholarly endeavor that seeks to approach Ottoman Europe from this perspective namely, by employing the analytical possibilities of biography and microhistory.



BALKAN PERIODICALS:

THE TRAJECTORY OF ISLAMIC THOUGHT IN THE INTERWAR PERIOD

By focusing on periodicals from 1918-1945, this book aims to understand the Balkan region through this specific lens and to examine the intellectual discourse of the era. The use of periodicals as primary sources and the Balkans as the geographic focus presents a complex and thorny array of issues. The interwar period on which this book concentrates is notable for the significant developments, ruptures, and continuities in the Balkan region.



BALKAN PERIODICALS:

THE TRAJECTORY OF ISLAMIC THOUGHT IN THE COMMUNIST PERIOD

The diverse range of studies presented in this volume underscores that periodicals were far more than mere repositories of information; they functioned as the vital lifelines of intellectual and spiritual continuity for Muslim communities across the Balkans. By documenting the multifaceted experiences of the Bosniak, Albanian, and Turkish minorities between 1945 and 1990, this collective work illustrates the profound resilience of Islamic thought in the face of ideological coercion and systemic silence. Whether navigating the 'controlled tolerance' of Yugoslavia or surviving the total prohibitions of the Albanian regime, these publications served as essential instruments for soft resistance, identity preservation, and social education. Ultimately, this book provides a critica lens through which to re-examine a neglected chapter of European cultural history, restoring the voices of those who, through the written word, ensured that their religious and cultural heritage would endure for future generations.



SREBRENICA GENOCIDE
POLITICS, LAW AND MEMORY

Nearly 9,000 Bosnian Muslims were massacred and found in mass graves in Srebrenica in 1995. This genocide represents the greatest blow and a dark stain inflicted upon the common history and culture of the Balkans in the last century. The victimization of these people by burdening them with all the 'crimes' of history has simultaneously turned into a major element of shame for Serbian history. Looking back at 1995 after thirty years, the genocide has become entrenched in collective memory, and Serbia has been condemned by international courts. However, numerous processes—such as the politicization of the issue, its background, legal debates, the reconstruction of memory, and genocide denial continue to persist. This work is the output of re-evaluating Srebrenica within an international framework thirty years later. Law, memory, media, and history constitute the primary themes of this volume.



BALKAN ECONOMIES: STRUCTURE, TRANSITION AND TRANSFORMATION OF NORTH MACEDONIA, 1999-2024

The book *Balkan Economies: Structure, Transition, and Transformation of North Macedonia, 1991–2024* offers an in-depth exploration of this journey, presenting a comprehensive analysis of North Macedonia's economic history, policy adaptations, and the key structural challenges that continue to shape its development. This volume, *Balkan Economies: Structure, Transition, and Transformation of North Macedonia, 1991-2024*, presents an interdisciplinary and comprehensive exploration of the country's economic development, combining historical, macroeconomic, financial, entrepreneurial, and sectoral analyses. The nine chapters of this book address critical aspects of North Macedonia's economic evolution, tracing its roots from the Ottoman and Yugoslav periods, through the tumultuous years of early statehood, to its present challenges and future aspirations.



BALKAN POLITICS: *POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE BALKANS, 1991-2024*

The book at hand scrutinizes this 35-year period through various variables, centering on political parties, with a team of scholars. It features significant studies on the political life of Bulgaria, Montenegro, Greece, Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and North Macedonia, focusing on topics such as foreign policy, electoral politics and ideologies, democratization, fragmentation within parties, the far-right, minority parties, the transformation of movements into hegemony, and the governance of parties and the state.

1st INTERNATIONAL BALKAN STUDIES CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

The Balkan Studies Congress is an international platform that fosters inter-disciplinary approaches in the social sciences and contributes to high-quality academic production. By strengthening knowledge exchange between Turkey and the Balkans, the congress provides young academics with new perspectives and encourages the development of a common academic language and methodology. This book comprises carefully reviewed papers presented at the First Balkan Studies Congress, held in Skopje on September 17-19, 2021. With contributions from academics from nine different countries and eleven distinct fields, this volume reflects the depth and diversity of scholarly work on the region. We extend our sincere gratitude to all academics, organizing institutions, and especially to the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), International Balkan University, the Ilmi Etüdler Association, and the International Federation of Students (UDEP) for their invaluable support in making this publication possible.

We hope that this book serves as an inspiring resource for researchers interested in Balkan studies and contributes to the advancement of academic dialogue in the region.



2nd INTERNATIONAL BALKAN STUDIES CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

As the Balkan region continues to navigate complex historical legacies and contemporary global dynamics, the Balkan Studies Congress remains committed to fostering a vibrant academic network that bridges diverse perspectives. By bringing together researchers, scholars, and students from various disciplines, the congress not only contributes to a deeper understanding of the region's socio-political, economic, and cultural transformations but also paves the way for future collaborations that will shape the academic and intellectual landscape of the Balkans and beyond.

The Balkan Studies Congress is an international academic platform designed to encourage interdisciplinary research in the social sciences, enhance academic exchange, and contribute to high-quality scholarly output. By fostering intellectual collaboration, the congress aims to establish a common language and methodology for overcoming challenges in knowledge production, particularly in states and societies still recovering from the effects of the post-1990 wars in the Western Balkans. This volume comprises meticulously reviewed papers presented at the Second Balkan Studies Congress, held in Tirana from September 16–18, 2022. The congress reaffirmed the viability and significant impact of this academic framework, facilitating rigorous scholarly dialogue and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration within a remarkably short period.



4th INTERNATIONAL BALKAN STUDIES CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

The Proceedings of the 4th International Balkan Studies Congress present a rich tapestry of interdisciplinary research that delves into the complexities of the Balkan region. Scholars from diverse disciplines—history, literature, sociology, political science, economics, law, and cultural studies—convene to offer fresh insights into the historical and contemporary dynamics shaping the Balkans. This volume stands as a testament to the power of collaborative scholarship, highlighting original academic contributions that explore the region's multifaceted narratives. Through thought-provoking analyses and cross-cultural dialogue, it provides a valuable resource for academics, researchers, and anyone interested in deepening their understanding of the Balkans' pivotal role in global history and contemporary affairs.

With the support of esteemed academic institutions and partners, this collection invites readers to engage in a dynamic discourse on the challenges and opportunities facing the Balkans in an interconnected world.





5th INTERNATIONAL BALKAN STUDIES CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

The 5th International Balkan Studies Congress has been actively operating for years with the aim of fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and deepening scholarly research on the Balkan region. We extend our gratitude to over 200 young researchers who have contributed their work to this Congress. For the past five years, these studies have offered diverse, creative, and impactful perspectives on the complex and multifaceted issues of the Balkans.

The primary objective of our Congress is to create a dynamic platform for scholars to share research findings, insights, and innovative ideas related to Balkan studies.



6TH INTERNATIONAL BALKAN SUMMER SCHOOL BALKANS AND GLOBAL POLITICS PROCEEDINGS

The Balkan region stands at the crossroads of global politics, offering a unique lens through which to examine critical contemporary issues. This volume, compiled from the proceedings of the Summer School on Balkans and Global Politics, brings together cutting-edge research and thought-provoking analyses on the region's most pressing challenges.

With contributions from postgraduate students, the book explores the intricate interplay between local dynamics and global trends. Themes range from migration and European integration to the region's evolving role in international relations.

Designed for researchers, policymakers, and academics, this collection provides fresh insights into the Balkan region's complexities while fostering an understanding of its place in the global political landscape.

Whether you're a student of international relations, a regional expert, or simply curious about the Balkans' impact on global affairs, this book offers a compelling and informative read.

Discover the ideas shaping the future of the Balkans and their global connections.



7TH INTERNATIONAL BALKAN SUMMER SCHOOL CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN THE BALKANS: EU AND MIGRATION ISSUES PROCEEDINGS

Contemporary Challenges in the Balkans: EU and Migration Issues brings together a rich collection of scholarly reflections on one of Europe's most dynamic and complex regions. The volume examines the intricate intersections between migration, European integration, and regional transformation, offering fresh insights into how these processes shape governance, identity, and societal change across the Balkans.

Developed within the framework of the International Balkan Summer School on Migration and European Integration, this book reflects the program's interdisciplinary and collaborative spirit. It provides an intellectually engaging platform where emerging scholars and experts explore the multifaceted challenges of the Balkans in relation to the European Union's evolving role.

By combining theoretical perspectives with empirical observations, the volume contributes to a deeper understanding of the Balkans' place in Europe and the broader implications of migration and enlargement policies.

Collected Works



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NA'T VE MÜNÂCÂT



EY YURDUM

Abdülfettah Rauf's intellectual and literary struggle, conducted between 1911 and 1963 together with his companions in the Rumelian territories centered in Skopje, holds significant value for the representation of twentieth-century Balkan and broader Islamic geographies. In relating the present-day Balkan region to its historical continuum, both the Meddah Madrasa and Abdülfettah Rauf constitute an important axis of continuity.

Renowned in the region not only for his scholarly depth but also for his poetry, Abdülfettah Rauf has remained in scholarly and cultural discourse through his poetic corpus, which, for various reasons, had remained unpublished for over half a century. These poems, uncovered and compiled through the extensive research of the Balkan Studies Foundation, have been meticulously transcribed from the original Ottoman Turkish and published under the auspices of the Foundation.

İKTİDAR, KİMLİK VE MEKÂN ÜSKÜP 2014 PROJESİ ÜZERİNE BİR İNCELEME

In the last two centuries the modern state and its political power have faced various internal and external constraints, the state has managed to maintain its dominance by developing mechanisms that actively intervene in every aspect of life. Characterized by its imperial legacy, the Balkans experienced hybrid processes of nationalization, capitalization, and the formation of the modern state. While regions geographically closer to Western Europe completed these transitions earlier, the movement toward the south and east produced delayed and hybrid structures of modernization. The demand for a homogeneous population a prerequisite of the modern state and its power precipitated severe processes such as wars, population exchanges, and genocides within these post-imperial geographies. This study examines one of the most striking examples of the modern state's intervention into history, space, and identity during the 2010s in North Macedonia, one of the most heterogeneous countries in the Balkan region.



Translated Books

KULTURA E MENAXHIMIT: MENAXHIMI DHE LIDERSHIPI NË KULTURËN TURKE

This study, which examines the impact of culture on management through an integrative approach, has been prepared by drawing on multiple disciplines, including history, sociology, psychology, social psychology, cultural anthropology, political sociology, and management, along with relevant studies in these fields. In this respect, it represents a pioneering contribution to understanding the key factors that shape Turkish culture.

Another distinctive feature of the study is its treatment of social character traits within Turkish society that may hinder social development, analyzed within the framework of cultural reflections on personality. The book, which evaluates the effects of Turkish culture on management and leadership, constitutes an effort to analyze the historical and intellectual background that informs and guides human behavior.



MODERNİZİMİ PROTESTANTİZİMİ SELEFİZİMİ INSTRUMENTALİZİMİ / TEKSTİT HYJNOR (NASS) NË MENDİMİN MODERN İSLAM

This book aims to investigate and analyze the methods developed by Muslim scholars, as well as the interpretations offered regarding the Sacred Texts in relation to the discipline of uşul al-fiqh in the modern era. The diverse interpretations that have emerged alongside processes of modernization, together with studies and articles that examine in detail the impact of their historical references, seek to highlight the necessity of reading, discussing, and further developing uşul al-fiqh by connecting it to contemporary theoretical issues.



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