

CALL FOR CHAPTERS ON BALKANS: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, POLITICS AND SOCIO-CULTURES

One of the most important radical changes in the world arena is emerging new states in Balkan area in the post Cold War era. Radical changes and transformation process have brought new economic, political, socio-cultural and international relations problems in the Balkan agenda. Definitely, the most destructive and painful problem in the Balkan region was wars erupted in the 1990s. Building peace, democracy, socioeconomic development and stability are still the most important issues and tasks for the Balkan states and nations. With aim of solving the existing problems and actualizing the existing huge socio-economic and cultural potential in the Balkans, socioeconomic cooperation among the Balkan countries should be developed and socioeconomic development process of the region should be continued successfully. In other words, socio-cultural, political and international cooperation and development are major prerequisites for overcoming existing problems and for building sustainable peace, democracy and stability in the Balkans.

In order to supply these needs and be a general reference source for the experts of the area, it is planned to publish an edition book **“BALKANS: Foreign Affairs, Politics and Socio-cultures”** by orchestrating of Epoka University and by bringing together academicians, experts and high level researchers from several countries. The aim of the book is becoming a primary research source for experts, academicians and researchers. The planned book is a collaborative project initiated by a working group dedicated to these themes located within the Epoka University, Tirana, Albania.

Submissions are invited for an edited book provisionally entitled **“BALKANS: Foreign Affairs, Politics and Socio-cultures”**. The book will be published by Epoka University Press as a first English book in the Balkan area in terms of encompassing three main issues of the Balkan countries and foreign affairs of the global actors toward Balkans. The book aims to be a main reference and primary source by bringing together selective academicians, scholars and experts from the world.

The book will focus on four main sections, Politics, Socio-culture, Foreign Policy and Balkans & World. Each section will include eleven Balkan countries' situation on the sectional area. Authors are free to put article's title.

Section I: Politics in the Balkans:

1. Politics in Albania
2. Politics in Bosnia and Herzegovina
3. Politics in Bulgaria
4. Politics in Croatia
5. Politics in Greece
6. Politics in Kosovo
7. Politics in Macedonia
8. Politics in Montenegro
9. Politics in Serbia
10. Politics in Romania
11. Politics in Turkey

Submissions should focus upon, as far as possible; engage with the following main- headlines within this section, some other headlines might be put under these headlines:

- a) Historical background of the country's politics
- b) Current situation on the country's politics
- c) Main issues in country politics (solutions or suggestions)(optional)

Section II: Socio-Culture of Balkans

1. Albania's Socio-culture
2. Bosnia and Herzegovina's Socio-culture
3. Bulgaria's Socio-culture
4. Croatia's Socio-culture
5. Greece's Socio-culture
6. Kosovo's Socio-culture
7. Macedonia's Socio-culture
8. Montenegro's Socio-culture
9. Serbia's Socio-culture
10. Romania's Socio-culture
11. Turkey's Socio-culture

The articles in “Socio-Cultural” section should include four main headlines; authors are free to put title and sub-titles under the following headlines:

- a) Socio- cultural historical background of the country
- b) National structure (ethnic, religious, sects and other diversities)
- c) Post Cold War developments on the Socio-Cultural situation
- d) Socio-cultural (potential) Issues (and solution alternatives; optional)

Section III: Foreign Affairs of the Balkan States:

1. Albania’s Foreign Policy
2. Bosnia and Herzegovina’s Foreign Policy
3. Bulgaria’s Foreign Policy
4. Croatia’s Foreign Policy
5. Greece’s Foreign Policy
6. Kosovo’s Foreign Policy
7. Macedonia’s Foreign Policy
8. Montenegro’s Foreign Policy
9. Serbia’s Foreign Policy
10. Romania’s Foreign Policy
11. Turkey’s Foreign Policy

The articles in “Foreign Affair” section should include three main headlines; authors are free to put title and sub-titles under the following headlines:

- a) Post-Cold War era
- b) Current foreign policy
- c) Main issues on Foreign Policy
- d) Futuristic Predictions on Foreign Policy (optional)

Section IV: World and the Balkans

1. US's foreign policy toward the Balkans
2. Russian Federation's foreign policy toward the Balkans
3. EU's foreign policy toward the Balkans
4. Germany's foreign policy toward the Balkans
5. France's foreign policy toward the Balkans
6. UK's foreign policy toward the Balkans
7. Turkey's foreign policy toward the Balkans

Authors will be free to put title and headlines of the articles in this chapter

At the first stage, the authors who desire to contribute to the book should contact with the editors by e-mail to authorize and allocate which they want to write above-mentioned articles. Second, the deadline for the submission of the articles will be 15 April 2010. Contributors might be required to amend their papers in accordance with the final concept of the edited book and the results of the editors' meeting(s). Third, after reviewing the articles and the amendments, the last day to send to the editors is 10 May 2010. Contributions should be around 5000-6000 words, excluding footnotes. Abstracts should be sent as e-mail attachment to euces@epoka.edu.al and should include one paragraph biography of the author, to put into the book.

It is encouraged interested contributors to apply by e-mail to write an article on the relevant chapters as well as any other countries of concern in the Section IV: World and the Balkans that have been left out.

Authors will receive a contribution certificate and 3 complimentary copies of the published book.

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