

The Historical and Political Context of State Formation and State-Building Process in Kosovo

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Abstract

In the modern era, the state constitutes one of the most important factors in determining social processes and phenomena. Its mechanisms, which have gradually developed and become more and more complex, affect almost every sphere of social life. As a result, the central focus of all political ideologies of modernity is exactly this state dimension, the dimension of its relationship with the society, its expansion and limitations. Thus, the process of state building in essence is one of the most complex processes that a particular society might undergo.

The aim of this paper is to examine this process in the context of Kosovo society in order to identify the specifics and character of this process. The paper is structured in two basic parts. The first part will elaborate the modern concept of the state, as well as the general concept of state-building while the second part will conduct an analysis of the historical and political context, from which the process of state formation of Kosovo has derived.

The results of this paper are presented through the theoretical analysis which is based, inter alia, on the comparative method, content analysis, historical method, referring to well-known authors of the field, documents and historical processes that illustrate the context and process of state formation and state building in Kosovo, having as its main goal the addressing of a particular dimension of the state, namely the dimension of its relationship with the society.

Keywords: political ideologies of modernity, state-building process, historical and political context, Kosovo.

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