

The historical development of corporate- and property law in Macedonia until Communism as part of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes

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Abstract

Macedonia is a candidate state for EU Membership. During Communism, Macedonia followed the communist pattern (as a consequence of the system of selfadministration of workers as part of the Yugoslav Federation) and the transition process in the beginning of the 90's was followed by a fundamental change not only in the whole economic system but in the whole society. But before the transition, with the coming of Communism, Macedonia as part of the Yugoslav Federation followed the Soviet pattern from 1945-1951 with: nationalization of major enterprises, state direction of investment and production through a series of Five-Year Plans, emphasis on heavy industry and collectivization of agriculture. After 1951, Macedonia followed its own system with the selfadministration of workers a mix of central planning- and free market economy until 1990. The problem with transition in Macedonia after 1990 was closely connected with the extent and form of implementation of economic reforms and especially privatization, because some enterprises had at least to be transformed, others restructured and others had to be completely liquidated. Another problem with transition was closely connected with two questions: the question of economics and the question of politics. In fact, it can be argued that what has happened in Albania and Macedonia, but also in all post-communist Balkan states and the new countries that have emerged since 1989, is historically unique (Papajorgji 2013). But before the transition, and Communism, lie some very important questions which will be analyzed in this paper: What tradition and family law followed Macedonia before Communism? How did this tradition of law especially in the field of corporate and property law affect the new democratic legal system of Macedonia? These are the main objectives of this article.

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