

## Democracy from the perspective of electoral systems: The case of Albania

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### Abstract

The selection of the electoral system is one of the most crucial decision-making for the state's policy. The selected model has a direct impact on the type of government system, as well as on the country's ability to prove the level of democracy. Certainly, no electoral system is considered perfect. An electoral system that has produced a fair representation of voters and political parties in one country, may not produce the same result in other countries. Even Albania, like other countries, has an interesting and full of unexpected experience in the electoral systems implementation, under the primary objective to reflect a real configuration of the expression of political will in parliament. All the energy of the Albanian political class and society is focused on building a state that reflects democratic character. However, on the 100th anniversary of the first multiparty elections in the country, Albania still suffers from a long political transition and a lack of fulfillment of international parameters for free and widely accepted elections.

This article examines the long trajectory of Albania in the electoral systems implementation, from the moment of its creation as a modern state until the last parliamentary elections of April 2021, by analyzing their impact on the level of democracy of the country, as well as the political and institutional crises that these systems have produced. To avoid the same issues in the future and to produce political and institutional stability, this paper concludes on the need of constitutional amendments and legal changes to be implemented through a comprehensive and transparent process.

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