

Call for Book Chapters

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The objective of the Book: The main objective of this book, entitled *The Balkans Cooperation, Geopolitics, and Economic Transformations and Relations*, is to use an interdisciplinary approach in understanding the politics, foreign relations, history, culture, and society of the

Balkans. The (Western) Balkans countries have focused on the integration into Euroatlantic structures as part of a long-term transition. The great powers and regional external actors have increased their presence in the region, which further complicates the political landscape. In addition to that, a continuous association of the region with negative metaphors reflected in the destruction, ethnic hatred, divisiveness, backwardness, and radical nationalism, significantly inhibit the future of the Balkans. In this regard, this book aims to explore the democratization process, reconciliation, regional cooperation, and integration as inevitable alternatives to nationalism, extremism, radicalism, divisiveness, and hostility. Ultimately, the idea is to change the public discourse from a predominant focus on the past wars, divisions, and hostilities to start constructively thinking about the common Balkans future, which draws inspiration from the common culture, heritage, democratic values, cooperation, and integration. Also, the book will prepare readers to encounter the constructively present-day „balkanization“ of the Balkans that seriously threatens the peace, order, stability, prosperity, and security in the region.

Content of the Book: Some content to be addressed by the book include, but is not limited to, the following guiding questions:

- The Balkans Multiculturalism and Diversity
- The Balkans and the EU Integration: Prospects for Reconciliation and Cooperation
- Civil Society and Regional Reconciliation in the Balkans
- Tackling the Balkans National Minorities and their Rights
- Youth Prospects in the Balkans States
- Prospects for the Balkans Dialogue, Peace and Reconciliation
- Democratization Process in the Balkans
- The Balkans Nationalism: Where do we go?
- Socio-Political Change and Transformation in the Balkans
- The Future Prospects for “The Balkans Trade, Therefore it is”
- The Balkans Demographic Politics
- Politics, Religions and Social Movements in the Balkans
- The Balkans Trade, Investments, and Economic Cooperation
- Prospects for the Balkans Flow of Goods, Services, Capital and Labor
- Digital Media and Networking of the Balkans

- Prospects for the Balkans Education and Cultural Cooperation

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Book Publication Deadline: November 15, 2021
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