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Book title: Republic of Kosovo’s Relations with the United States and European countries

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Book description

This edited book seeks to analyze the bilateral relations of the Republic of Kosovo with the United States, and several European countries such as Albania, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. In other words, each chapter will be devoted to Kosovo’s bilateral relations with a particular state which it has established diplomatic relations.

After the 1999 liberation, Kosovo built close relations with various countries which supported it in the process of reconstruction, economic stabilization, institution-building and state-building. From 1999 to 2008, some of these countries were politically and operationally engaged in Kosovo under the leadership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK).

After Kosovo’s independence on February 17, 2008, these states immediately and formally recognized the new state and established diplomatic relations with it. Some of them, such as the United States, Germany, Austria, France, Italy, the United Kingdom and Albania were fervent supporters of Kosovo’s independence. From 2008 to 2021, Kosovo has further developed its bilateral relations with the United States and some European countries, covering various fields such as diplomacy, politics, economics, military, and cultural aspects. Ultimately, the main aim of this book is to focus on the relations that Kosovo developed with these countries during the pre-independence period (1999-2008) and post-independence period (2008-2021). Thirteen years after its independence, Kosovo, as the youngest European state, is further developing its bilateral relations with the United States and European countries.

The focus of the chapters of this book will be, in general, on the bilateral relations between Kosovo and these countries. The bilateral relations include various aspects such as history, security, diplomacy, convergence of national interests, trading, economy, military, culture, education, tourism, humans or even technology. Each chapter will focus on one of these aspects or including some of them in its analysis.

This study is original and relevant because it aims to analyze Kosovo’s bilateral relations with each country separately. Until now, several books have been written on Kosovo, but these studies have focused mainly on state-building, the role of internal and external actors in the creation of the Kosovar state, recognition, democratization and Europeanization, but much
fewer on the bilateral relations that Kosovo has built with the aforementioned states. Therefore, the study of Kosovo’s bilateral relations with these countries which it has already established diplomatic relations, would be an added value to the academic literature. Moreover, in this book is intended to give an important place to the perspective of scholars originating from Kosovo, but without excluding those of other countries.

The purpose of this book is to present different contributions from academics and researchers interested in Kosovo, its relations with other states and its foreign policy. This book will be of key interest to scholars, diplomats, and students focusing in the field of political science, international relations, the Western Balkans, and Kosovo’s foreign policy.

**Review procedure**
All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a double-blind review basis. Contributors may also be requested to serve as reviewers for this project.

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Relations between Kosovo and Switzerland
Relations between Kosovo and Turkey
Relations between Kosovo and the United Kingdom
Relations between Kosovo and the United States

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