



Nationalism, Globalization, and Orthodoxy

The Social Origins of Ethnic Conflict in the Balkans

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Foreword by Roland Robertson

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Description

Roudometof explains the reasons why the Balkans have been immersed in recurrent ethnic conflict. The book illustrates the world-historical process of globalization by providing an in-depth discussion and analysis of a specific regional case. It goes on to explain the rise of nationalism in the region and why this has led to chronic ethnic conflict.

Reviews:

-[r]epresents an impressive historical contribution in its multi-dimensional approach, incorporating economic, institutional and cultural variables. Greater still is its potential theoretical contribution, a potential which largely rests in the reader's efforts to glean lessons from the rich historical detail offered.

—**Journal of Southern Europe and Balkans**

-[p]rovides a welcome corrective to the stubbornly held view (even in some academic circles) that primordial attachments and 'ancient ethnic hatreds' have shaped much of recent Balkan history....[a] scintillating conclusion draws the main threads of his thesis together with great lucidity.

—**Nations and Nationalism**

-...there is a great deal of useful history and information on the Balkan puzzle in the book.

—**Contemporary Sociology**

**Endorsement From Peter Bien Professor of English and Comparative Literature,
Emeritus Dartmouth College**

This book centers on the Balkans, yet uses them as a case study of something much larger--namely, the surprising fact that globalization, instead of melding peoples together, has done exactly the opposite. Roudometof's *forte* is his ability not only to range widely across various Balkan nationalities but also to make a forest out of his diverse trees. Thus the wealth of data he presents leads to clearly articulated conclusions about globalization's role--paradoxically through its corollary, nationalism--in marginalizing minorities, fostering assimilation, and producing ethnic conflict, which thus cannot be explained merely as a clash of rival religions. The book shows that an understanding of history can truly help us to comprehend current problems in the Balkans and elsewhere.

Endorsement From Traian Stoianovich Professor Emeritus Rutgers University

...[An] excellent book...[His] "multidimensional" approach to the subject is admirable.

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