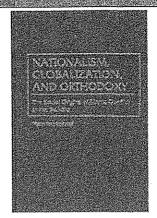
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The Social Origins of Ethnic Conflict in the Balkans
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#### Description

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
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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 nationalitites 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.

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

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