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## Political Science in the European Dialogue

*Call for Papers*

### **The Children of the Balkans: Between Identity Formation, National Consciousness and Religiosity** *Bosnia and Herzegovina*

The Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, in cooperation with the University of Sarajevo, cordially invites scholars from the disciplines of Political Science, Social Sciences, and the Humanities to submit contributions for a forthcoming edited volume on the above-mentioned topic. Both previously unpublished work and already published papers (if eligible for republication under copyright law) are welcome.

#### *Thematic Focus:*

The Balkan region has historically functioned as a crossroads of diverse cultures, religions, and political systems. Centuries of transnational dynamics and societal transformations have shaped a complex web of identity discourses and loyalty conflicts. At the same time, this region reflects how memory culture, migration, and the legacies of ethno-political conflicts deeply influence identity formation processes.

In this context, it is essential to examine how younger generations construct their identities, and what role civic and political education plays in nation-building, cultural orientation, and religious self-positioning. This research project seeks to analyze the socio-historical, political science, and humanities dimensions of these processes. It focuses particularly on the interplay between national consciousness, religiosity, and the development of a European canon of values.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is of special interest within the Balkan region due to its unique intercultural and interreligious diversity. This complexity offers opportunities for pluralistic dialogue and cultural exchange, while simultaneously posing substantial challenges to political stability, societal integration, and identity formation.

Against the backdrop of memory cultures, national narratives, and religious affiliations, Bosnia and Herzegovina vividly illustrates how delicately the balance between shared values and differences must be maintained. Analyzing these dynamics is crucial to comprehensively understand the region and its future prospects.

### Aim of the Edited Volume:

This scholarly publication aims to make a valuable interdisciplinary contribution by effectively combining perspectives from Political Science, the Social Sciences, and the Humanities. Through this integrative approach, the volume seeks to provide deeper and more nuanced insights into the complex societal, political, and social dynamics of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The goal is to foster innovative interpretive and analytical approaches that broaden the understanding of the region and offer new impulses for European dialogue.

**The volume is edited by Havva Doksar, Markus Gloe, and Sead Turčalo.**

### Nature and Format of Submissions:

The edited volume welcomes contributions in a variety of academic formats that demonstrate a clear relevance to the project's key themes. Especially encouraged are empirically grounded studies utilizing qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-methods approaches to investigate identity formation, national consciousness, and religiosity in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Suggested formats include:

- Research articles with original empirical analysis (e.g., based on interviews, surveys, case studies, or ethnographic research)
- Theory-driven contributions supported by empirical data
- Comparative studies linking regional specificities with broader thematic questions
- Contributions analyzing and interpreting primary data (e.g., from archival or field research)
- Interdisciplinary studies combining methodological diversity with empirical evidence

Scholarly contributions may be submitted in the respective native language.

An abstract of no more than 250 words, including details on methodology and research design, is highly recommended.

### Cooperation:

This research initiative by the Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science at LMU Munich, Department of Civic Education and Didactics of Social Studies / Politics and Society, aims to foster lasting academic collaboration and scholarly exchange with the University of Sarajevo.

The project critically examines the opportunities and challenges stemming from European integration and the profound political and societal transformations in Bosnia and

Herzegovina. It also seeks to strengthen academic networking within the European discourse to enable interdisciplinary perspectives on identity formation, national consciousness, and religiosity in the region.

The planned publication integrates political science, social science, and humanities approaches to provide in-depth insights into the region's complex dynamics. This integrative perspective offers innovative analytical and interpretive frameworks that enrich the understanding of Bosnia and Herzegovina and contribute to the European dialogue.

*Timeline:*

Submission of abstracts: **October 31, 2025**

Submission of full papers: **March 31, 2026**

*Submission and Contact:*

Interested authors are kindly asked to contact the project leads:

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*We look forward to receiving exciting contributions and to a constructive, interdisciplinary academic collaboration!*