

Disruptive Federalism. In the Circle of Balkan Experiences

Abstract

The idea of creating a joint Balkan state was born at the end of the eighteenth century, but only with the end of World War I the creation of the multinational state of southern Slavs Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, later Yugoslavia, was announced. After World War II, in the Yugoslav state, the Communists take over power and proclaim the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the first federal state in the Balkans. After the collapse of socialist Yugoslavia, the only federal state in the Balkans is now Bosnia and Herzegovina, as a result of international pressure. The idea of a federal state in the Balkans has proved to be highly ineffective so far, what is more it proved to be destructive, particularly for nations that formed this federation or are still part of it.

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