

**DEMOCRACY IN NEW EUROPEAN COUNTRIES:
FROM WHERE?**

*Case Study: Bosnia and Herzegovina
and Kosovo*

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*To my daughter,
Sofia*

ABSTRACT

After the fall of the Berlin wall, the conflicts in the contemporary world changed their nature, from an inter-state to inter-ethnic. There have been many discussions about the sovereignty of the States and the humanitarian interventions on the solution of the conflicts, but still many countries have seen the international intervention, occupying the territories or administering them with different degree of intervention. There have been different models applied in the conflicting territories that somehow have resolved the conflict but still peace is under discussion.

On the focus of this master's thesis is the consociational democracy model implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Kosovo. In the former one this model seems to be ineffective and in latter one the model has still to be proved.

In these pages, there is an attempt to discover the effectiveness of the model implemented and the main obstacles that are still impeding the development of the countries. The model has been treated in its constitutive elements and the conditions for its functionality. On the other side there is an attempt to show where the model comes from. In the following pages we look forward to seek if there are other alternatives to this model considering that the ethnic conflict is still frozen and it is being evident in other regions.

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