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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

EU	European Union
EC	European Communities
US	United States
SFRY	Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
RM	Republic of Macedonia
WEU	Western European Union
UN	United Nations
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
SHS Kingdom	Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes
SR	Socialist Republic
SAP	Socialist Autonomous Province
FRY	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
B & H	Bosnia and Herzegovina
YNA	<i>Yugoslav National Army</i>
SKY	League of Communists of Yugoslavia
ASNOM	Anti-Fascist Assembly for the People's Liberation of Macedonia
SANU	Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts
UK	United Kingdom
UNPREDEP	United Nations Preventive Deployment Force
AVNOJ	Anti-Fascist Council of the People's Liberation of Yugoslavia
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
UNPROFOR	United Nations Protection Force
IPA	Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance
SOC	Serbian Orthodox Church
MOC	Macedonian Orthodox Church
UÇK/KLA	Kosovo Liberation Army
UÇK/NLA	National Liberation Army
UNMIK	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

ABSTRACT

This book deals with the foreign policy of the Republic of Macedonia, from the period of the dissolution of Yugoslavia to the present moment (2012). It makes a connection between the dissolution process of Yugoslavia and the creation of the Macedonian independent state and its foreign policy.

On one hand, this research is a positive step in overcoming the current lack of literature in this field, especially in the English language, and, on the other hand, by combining the three factors of the subject of study (the policy of the EU and the US towards Macedonia during the period of the Yugoslav crisis, Macedonia's independence and its foreign policy priorities, and the specific challenges faced by Macedonian foreign policy) this research brings together all relevant elements of the policy in a single place, something that has not been the case in earlier studies. The analysis of all these factors is necessary in order to present a complete picture of the conditions which impacted and shaped Macedonian foreign policy during this time.

Keywords: Foreign policy, Yugoslavia, EU, US, Macedonia, Independence, Security dilemmas, UN, Recognition, Relations, Minorities, Integration, Diplomacy, Accession, Western Balkans, Yugoslav wars, Sovereignty, Foreign affairs.

INTRODUCTION

This book analyzes the external policies of the US and the EU towards the breakup of Yugoslavia and, mostly through the method of deduction, attempts to define the place of the Republic of Macedonia in these policies. Everything listed above is considered extremely important for the future events and directions in Macedonian foreign policy.

The greatest attention is placed on the initial period after the declaration of independence of the Republic of Macedonia. The reasons for this are certain events and circumstances in this period that required bold decisions and moves in Macedonian foreign policy. In this context, the book deals with the process of gaining independence, international recognition and membership of Macedonia in the UN. The manner in which these processes were handled by the main representatives of Macedonian foreign policy is still a controversy in Macedonia.

The bilateral relations of Macedonia with its neighbors, which were especially complicated due to the specific historical events, are also dealt with in this book, along with the Euro-Atlantic aspirations as a top priority of Macedonian foreign policy that has not yet been reached. Furthermore, there are attempts to find a connection between the bilateral relations of Macedonia with its neighbors and the Euro-Atlantic integration of the country.

Overall, the goal of the book is to give a general picture of the events and processes that have shaped Macedonian foreign policy and the reasons behind them. This can help in creating a better perception of the current foreign policy of Macedonia and its possible future directions.

