

Abstract

Following diploma thesis is focused on the position of Islam in the politics of Bosnian Muslims alias Bosniaks. It examines the period from the first multiparty elections to the declaration of independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina and war till the process of europeization in the 21st century. The author of this thesis is focused on the revival of Islam in society and politics in this time period of modern history after forty years of communist rule. Due to nationalism of all ex-Yugoslav nations becoming acute this process of revival was followed by radicalization and signs of extremism. Islam was also used in politics and tightly connected with it exactly in the spirit of older Bosniak ideological concepts. The presentation of these tendencies is the content of the first part of diploma thesis. In the second part the author is focused on activation of the policy of western democracies and International Communities which subsequently rolled back the influence of Islamic countries on Bosniak political leaders. In the survey of postwar development is also introduced the Office of High Representative of UN and its essential influence on the laicization of Bosniak politics resulting to disappearance of radical displays of Islamization. The outcome of the activation of western diplomacy was then slow but stable process of europeization of Bosnia and Herzegovina, i.e. rapprochement of functioning of state institutions, legislation and political culture leading to full future integration to the European Union structures.