

## Bibliographic note

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## Abstract

Serbia and Kosovo have been under conflict since the beginning of the 1998-99 Kosovo war, when Serbia carried out ethnic cleansing against Kosovo-Albanians, leaving over 12,000 dead and almost a million displaced. Since then, Kosovo has declared itself independent since 2008, however, Serbia refuses to recognize its breakaway province. In the past 25 years, the media in Kosovo has undertaken a role that is different from that of a traditional 'Western' journalist.' Journalists undergo efforts to contribute further to the de-escalation of the conflict and deliver justice to the victims. Transitional journalism (TJ), as a newly emerging research agenda in the Western Balkans, seeks to uncover how media has affected, and been affected, by the ethnic lines and scars stemming from the Yugoslav Wars in the 1990s, such as in Kosovo. Transitional journalism, as a product of weak institutions and failure to deliver justice, is further identified empirically in this dissertation, through a mixed-method approach featuring transitional journalism frames and interviews with Kosovo journalists.

## Keywords

Framing Theory; Kosovo; Post-communist; Post-conflict; Reconstruction Interview; Serbia; Transitional Journalism; Western Balkans; Yugoslavia.