

Abstract

The fundamental question of this thesis is: what impact has the process of Europeanization had on Bosnia-Herzegovina's (BiH) constitutional development, political process, economic development and security sector reform? Also how much it has contributed to maintaining territorial integrity of BiH? The thesis does show the obstacles and problems associated with existence of BiH, particularly hinting at historical often hatred and struggle among the main ethnics – Bosniaks (Muslims), Serbs and Croats and their lack of trust especially after the 1992-1995 war atrocities. It also deals with the possible threats that could endanger the territorial integrity of BiH and addresses the weaknesses of the current political arrangement. Nevertheless, it attempts to convince the reader that BiH is indeed capable of surviving as a single territory and avoid its disintegration. This is attributed to the process of Europeanization. In particular, Europeanization in constitutional development, political process and security sector reform of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The thesis provides several examples supporting the argument that Europeanization process in the in these three areas have indeed had an integrative effect. The Logic of Consequence and Conditionality concepts furthermore lead to the conclusion, that the external pressure exercised by the EU upon BiH, strengthened by the financial incentive, have indeed helped to maintain, despite ever-present threats of RS to secede, territorial integrity of BiH, having positive influence on the overall progress in the country, and no matter how insufficient and slow these reforms were branded by the EU, they are incrementally taking place, with all major BiH political representatives having one thing in common now, that is EU membership. The very concept of Europeanization is thus a driving force in BiH development and guarantor of a territorial integrity, if not for an indefinite period than for a longer period of time until BiH fully integrates into the EU, which by conditionality must do as one territorial unit.