Abstract

In my thesis I will provide the introduction of the present Turkish community in Sarajevo. I will research not only the motivation of Turks to migrate, but also their relation to the Bosnian state, their social and economical background, their uses of language and their cultural habits. The thesis will be divided in to three parts. In the first section I will summarize the historical development of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the heritage that remained in the region after the fall of the Ottoman Empire. In the second part I will outline present political and economical relations between Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina, after 1995. The strengthening of mutual relations between these two states leads to the beginning of the Turkish migration to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The third and final part will be dedicated to the fieldwork of the community itself. The question of the count of the community cannot be supported by exact numbers and official statistics. Despite this fact that the results of the last census were posted, the box for ethnicity and nationality only provides an option of three Bosnian constitutional ethnics, excluding all other national or ethnical options. The knowledge of the community presented here is primarily based on the results of fieldwork, because presently there are no sources, which would refer to this topic.

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