## **ABSTRACT**

This seminar paper addresses the issue of international recognition of the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo. The work is based on the application of pre-defined criteria of statehood on specific cases and their comparison. The result is confirmation of the hypothesis that neither of these states do not meet the requirements for recognition of statehood under international law. The seminar paper with the benefit of hindsight validates previous findings and summarizes the abnormal development of the Balkan Peninsula and it stimulates further research in the future.