

# Balkan Security: Overview

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# Identity and nation/state building

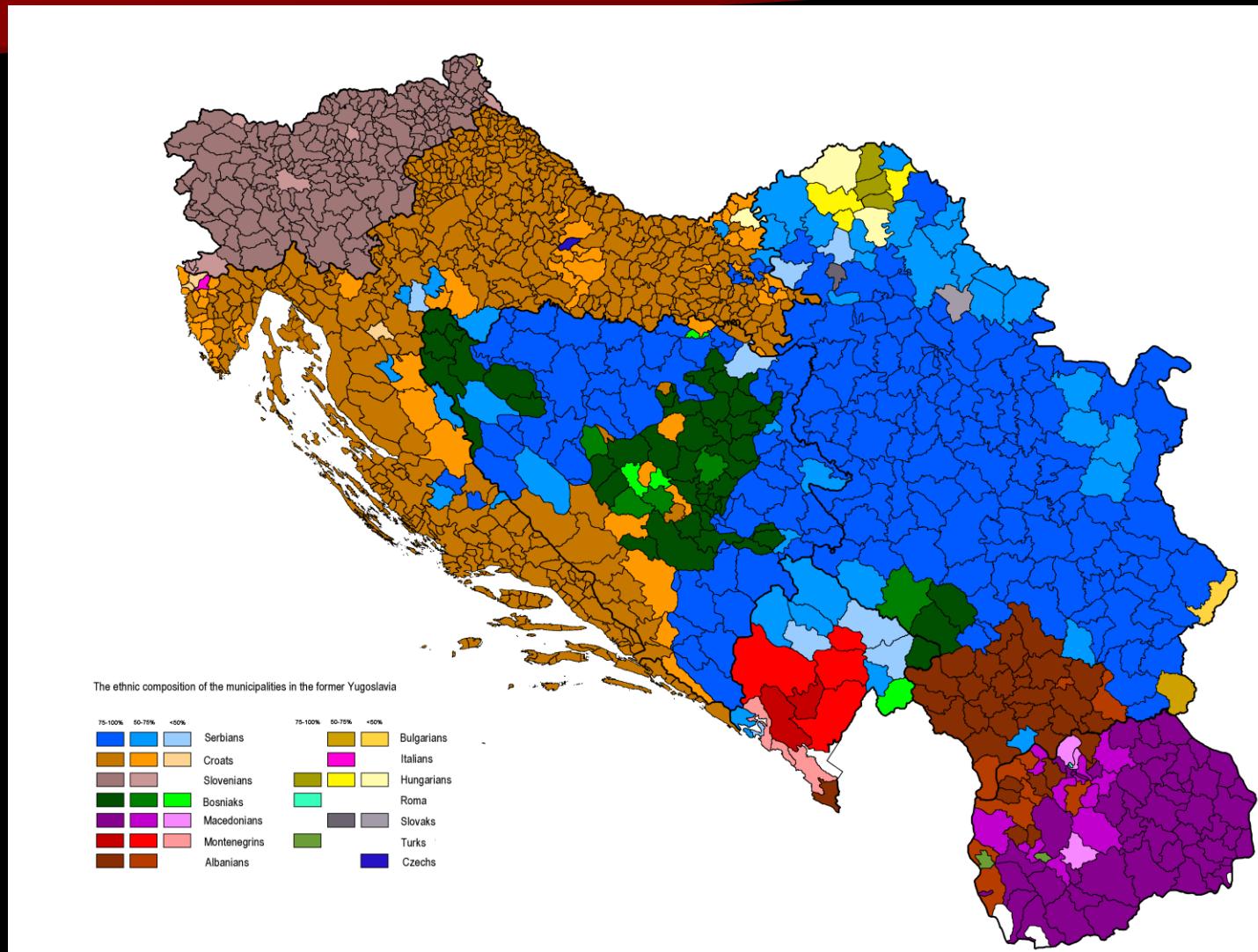
History

Language

Culture

Religion

Common  
feeling





# Main features of Slovenia and the Western/Eastern Balkan states

What is Balkan?

Western Balkan,  
southern,  
eastern??

Dates: (395,  
1054, end of  
14, century,  
1453)

Dissolution of  
yugoslavia into  
what??

Nations, ethnics,  
religions,  
language,  
script, illiteracy,  
life standard



# Timeline

- 1991 Slovenia
- 1991-95 Croatia
- 1992-95 BiH
- 1997 Anarchy in Albania
- 1998-99 Kosovo
- 2000 Presevo valley
- 2001 Macedonia
- 2003 Belgrade agreement
- 2006 Montenegro
- 2008 Kosovo
- 2018 North Macedonia



# Slovenia

- 10 days war
  - Italian, Austrian, Hungarian national minority
  - 2.3.2004 NATO
  - 1.5.2004 EU



# Croatia

- 1991-1995 civil war
- 12% serbian population drop 5 %
- 1990-1999 president Franjo Tudjman, authoritative regime, semipresidentialism, suppression of serbian minority, strongest HDZ
- NATO 2009
- 2013 EU



- War 1992-95
- Kuna, Za dom spremni, Jasenovac, Chessboard, U, Victory Day, Thompson, ICTY
- HDZ 1990-2000, 2003-2011, since 2016
- EU
- Constant attempt to hold over media and judiciary
- Veterans and Catholic church
- Quislings and Serbs



# Serbia (and Monte Negro)

- Slobodan Milošević (1989 -1997 president of Serbia, 1997-2000 president of FRY authoritative regime)
  - Kosovo: Serbian forces vs. KLA 1996-1998; war of NATO vs. Serbia 1999)
  - Decentralisation of Vojvodina
  - Belgrade agreement 2003
  - 2006 – independence of CG
  - 2008 – independence of Kosovo



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## Politische Karte

# Serbia

- Wars in Croatia, BiH, Kosovo
- Populism, nationalism,
- ICTY, quislings
- Hold over media, resources, judiciary, independent institutions
- Krvave košulje and 1od5miliona
- Serbian orthodox church



# Monte Negro

- Milo Djukanovic forever
- Organized crime, nepotism, clientelism
- Orientation towards east as well west



# Montenegro

- Milo Djukanovic forever
- In the name of the nation
- EU, NATO



# Bosnia and Herzegovina



- 3 ethnics: 17% Croatians, 31% Serbs, 44% Bosniaks
- Civil war 1991-1995
- BiH divided into 2 entities Federation of BiH and RS
- High representative (since 2009 Valentin Inzko)
- UN protectorate, missions NATO (IFOR, SFOR, SFOR II), EU Althea
- Sarajevo agreement 2002 changed Dayton – all institution have to reflect the ethnics according to the census in 1991
- 3 main parties based on the ethnicity: HDZ, SDS, SDA.

		Serbs	Croats	Bosniaks I.	Bosniak II.
<b>Internal actor</b>	<b>Political party</b>	<b>Serbian democratic party (SDS BiH)</b>	<b>Croatian democratic community (HDZ BiH)</b>	<b>Party of democratic action (SDA)</b>	
	<b>Persona</b>	<b>Radovan Karadžić</b>	<b>Davor Perinović, Stjepan Kljuić, Mate Boban</b>	<b>Alija Izetbegović</b>	<b>Fikret Abdić</b>
	<b>Armed formation</b>	<b>Army of Republika srpska</b>	<b>Croatian council of defence (HVO)</b>	<b>Army of Republic BaH</b>	<b>Army of Fikret Abdić</b>
	<b>State</b>	<b>9.1.1992 Republika srpska BaH, 12.8. renamed Republika srpska, Pale</b>	<b>3.7.1992 Croatian community Herzeg Bosna, 24.8.1993 Croatian republic Herzeg Bosna, Grude</b>	<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH, Sarajevo)</b>	<b>Athonomous region Western Bosnia, renamed Republic of Western Bosnia, Velka Kladuša</b>
<b>External actor</b>	<b>Political party</b>	<b>Socialistic party of Serbia (SPS)</b>	<b>Croatian democratic community (HDZ)</b>	<b>Support of islamic countries</b>	<b>Cooperation with Croats as well as Serbs</b>
	<b>Persona</b>	<b>Slobodan Milošević</b>	<b>Franjo Tuđman</b>		
	<b>Armed formation</b>	<b>Yugoslav Peoples Army (JNA), Yugoslavian army</b>	<b>Croatian army (HV)</b>		
	<b>State</b>	<b>Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), Belgrade</b>	<b>Croatia. Zagreb</b>	<b>Support of islamic countries (Iran, Saudi Arabia, Libye)</b>	
<b>Paramilitary</b>		<b>Serbian volunteer guard (TVG)</b>	<b>Croatian defence forces (HOS)</b>	<b>El-Mudžahid</b>	

I. Phase of the war (6. 4. 1992 beginning 1993)	II. Phase of the war (1993 - March 1994)	III. Phase of the war (March 1994 - 1995)	IV. Local episode (29. 9. 1993 - 7. 8. 1995)
<i>Serbs x Bosniaks + Croats</i>	<i>Serbs x Bosniaks</i>  <i>Serbs x Croats</i>  <i>Bosniaks x Croats</i>	<i>Serbs x Bosniaks + Croats</i>	<i>Bosniaks x Bosniaks</i> (Army of the Republic BaH x Army of Fikret Abdić)

# BiH

- Parties based on ethnicity
- Competitive Authoritarian regime  
Dodik
- In the name of the nation
- Hold over media, judiciary, res



# Kosovo



- Autonomous province of Serbia
- Great powers since 1974
- Limitation of the authonomy since the 1980's
- 1996-99 war alb vs srb
- 1999 NATO air campaign (bombing)
- 2003 Constitutional framework
- 17 February 2008 self-proclaimed independence
- 111 UN member states recognized independence

# Kosovo

- PDK and illiberal practices
- Vetevendosje, Albin Kurti
- Self-determination – referendum
- Clan parties
- Against the established parties  
(PDK,AAK,LDK)



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# Macedonia

- Independence complicated :
- Greece
- Bulgaria
- Serbia
- Albanian irredentism 2001 Ohrid peace agreement



# North Macedonia

- Greece, Bulgaria, Albanians, Serbian orthodox church
- VMRO-DPMNE
- Alexander the Great, airport, highway, Skopje
- Antiquisation, Nationalism
- VMRO-DPMNE
- SDSM and Zaev??
- Quislings and Soros



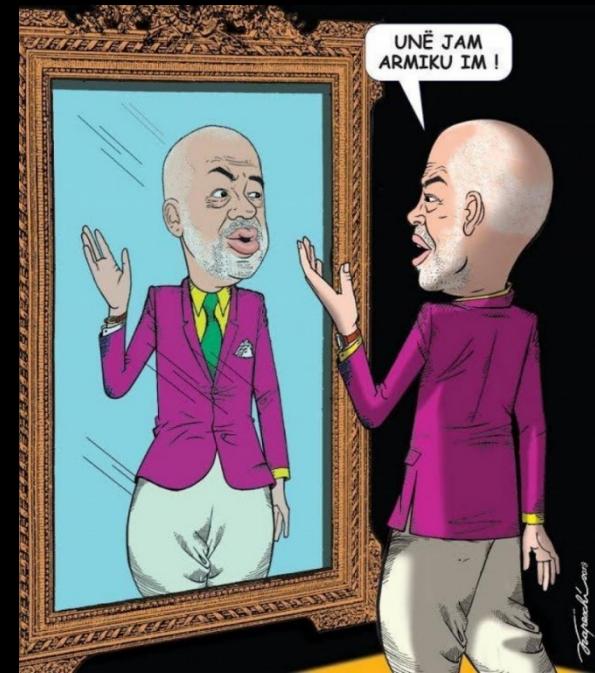
# Albania

- Gegs vs. Tosks
- 1992-1997 Democratic party of Sali Berisha
- 1997 coup d etat, anarchy
- The only national minority



# Albania

- Democrats and Socialists
- Media, judiciary, captured state
- demonstrations



# Romania

- Hungarian and Roma minority
  - Moldova issue
  - Greater Romania Party



# Bulgaria

- 2004 NATO
- 2007 EU
- Turks
- Turkish Movement for the rights and liberties
- 2009 GERB
- Ataka



# Moldova

- Transnistria
- Communist party in power till 2009

