

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA: NORMATIVE POLITICAL THEORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL ENGINEERING

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Almost a decade after the *Dayton Peace Accords*, Bosnia and Herzegovina is no closer to establishing itself as a stable and functional polity which enjoys allegiance from all three ethnic communities and its citizens. While the political discourse in Bosnia is often value-laden and emotionally charged, not much attention has been paid to attempts at bringing the insights from the burgeoning literature on multiculturalism and liberal pluralism together with the concrete proposals for the constitutional overhaul of the Bosnian state. The concrete give-and-take of the constitutional negotiations, admittedly, always pertains to the political sphere. Our modest aim here is to try to reinvigorate the domestic and international academic debate on that important subject. With this in mind, we especially welcome contributions tackling issues dealing with:

- Comparative constitutional accommodation in multinational states
- Liberal pluralism and appropriateness of territorial autonomy
- Constitutional patriotism and civic nationalism in multinational states
- The role of regional cooperation in domestic consolidation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- *Civic versus Ethnic* Identifications and Constitutional Changes.

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