

THE NATURE OF TOLERANCE AND INTOLERANCE IN THE BALKANS

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General informations:

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The term ›the Balkans‹ usually connotes negative characteristics: filthiness, passivity, untrustworthiness, disregard of women, plotting, unscrupulousness, opportunism, indolence, superstition, laziness, sluggishness, unprincipled and over zealous bureaucracy, and so on. In many European languages ›to balkanise‹ means to break up into smaller and often hostile units. After recent political and armed conflicts in the region, the Balkans again became a marker of intolerance.

However, during the centuries, the region was characterised with an unprecedented level of tolerancy – at least regarding religion and welfare of the people. It only changed when European powers started to interfere and support ›national liberating‹ movements. As a matter of fact, it was Europeanisation (i.e. destroying of the Ottoman and Muslim heritage, especially its architecture) that brought intolerance within the newly established states and between each other on the fore .

The aim of the workshop is to stress the long tradition of cultural diversity in the Balkans and to bring together experts in historical anthropology of the region and anthropologists and ethnologists, engaged in recent studies of the region.

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