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 Conditionality in Albania and Macedonia  
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### Description

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*'This is an engaging, informative and well-structured account which explores some very pertinent and perennial questions. Peshkopia is an EU expert and a Balkans insider.'*—Dr Othon Anastasakis, director of South East European Studies at Oxford

How much, and under what conditions, can the European Union affect democratization and democratic consolidation in prospective member states? What mechanisms does the EU employ to influence reforms in countries emerging from authoritarian rule? Focusing on Albania and Macedonia, two postcommunist countries with a legacy of internal conflict, **Conditioning Democratization** analyzes the relationship between EU accession conditionality and institutional reforms. It focuses on four sectors of reform that are often overlooked in other studies: constitutions, asylum, local decentralization and the judiciary system.

The volume critically reviews the theory of “consociational democracy,” often considered the key to stabilizing deeply divided countries, and reapplies it to the supranational institution of the European Union. In articulate, accessible prose, Ridvan Peshkopia builds on examples from multiple sectors in multiple countries to reconceptualize this theory and show that the EU can indeed use membership conditions as a tool to encourage and direct reform.

**Readership:** This book will be useful to students of democratization, Eastern European politics, European Union politics, comparative politics and politics in deeply divided societies.

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