



The Case for Kosova

Passage to Independence

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Description

A remarkable evaluation of the issues surrounding the Kosova region.

This book makes the case for the independence of Kosova – the former province of 'old Yugoslavia' and now temporarily a United Nations-led International protectorate – at a time in which international diplomacy is deeply involved in solving the contested issue of its 'Final Status'. The aim of the book is to counteract the anti-Albanian propaganda waged by some parties, but never to propose a counter-propaganda hostile to others or to the goals of a democratic Kosova.

Readership: A must read for anyone interested in politics and current international affairs.

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