

Call for articles for the Special Issue

**The Balkans in a Comparative Perspective:
Recent and Emerging Trends, Innovative Narratives,
New Theoretical Approaches**

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Rationale:

More than 15 years ago (2007) SEEU published the special issue ‘The Balkans in a comparative perspective’. The articles discussed the leaders and laggards of post-communist paths to democratization, identity politics, nationalism and democracy, myth/s of ethnic wars, regional cooperation, EU values, etc. The SI happened to be a great success.

The ambition of the new special issue is to revisit both the region and its theorization, to identify and analyse new developments and emerging trends, from one side, insightful perspectives, new concepts, approaches, narratives, theories, explanations, from another side. The second ambition of the SI is to become a referential reading for scholars, politicians, stakeholders.

The contributions are expected to follow one or more of the enumerated axes:

- *Political* - democratization v post-democracy, new political parties, emergence of new elites, risks/challenges, crises, national populism, electoral authoritarianism, diaspora engagement , etc.
- *Green and digital transitions* – gig economy, digitalization, environmental policies and practices, etc.
- *Socio-Economic* – (dis)balances of the economic liberalization; new entrepreneurs, old and new inequalities; corruption/state capture, etc.
- *Cultural* – symbolic politics, politics of memory, art and politics, reconciliation, rewriting history in public places and debates, etc.
- *Civic* – green, climate, environmental, eco, ‘Occupy’ and other forms of civic activism; contestatory and solidary citizenship, new forms of mobilizations on- and off-line; etc.
- *Diversity management* – minority-majority relations, ethno-religious issues/tensions/conflicts; human rights.
- *Geopolitical* – Europeanization, the impact and competition of great powers, etc.

The list is indicative. Other topics are welcome.

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Timeline:

- February 15, 2024 – abstract (250 words) and bio (150 words)

- March 1 - feedback on the approval of the proposals
- July 1, 2024 for the first volume and September 1, 2024 for the second volume – submission of articles – 7,500 – 10,000 words [Download Author Instructions](#)