

THE PROCESS OF THE GLOBALIZATION AND ALBANIAN RELIGION IDENTITY

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Abstract

Globalization is a process that affects every part of the world and all human values. Considering the historical retrospective and our current social circumstances, through my commentary, I've tried to elaborate the position of Albanian people interlaced with the role of religion towards the globalization process. Actually Albanians belong to both Islamic and Christian religion, or expressed in details they have even wider religious dimensions: Orthodox and Catholic as well as Sunni (Albanian Muslim Community) and Bektashi. By various Albanian analysts, the future of Albanian religion is viewed from two perspectives: some say that Albanians, in order to gain advantages and to their get integrated or become compatible to the global processes, should reverse Christian roots, while most of analysts have come to conclusion that Albanians should build up relations and go towards their integration according to their actual reality. The last ones bring into relief the necessity of Albanian integration as a whole nation, despite the fact that Albanians follow two monotheist religions. I think, Albanians should be accepted as they are, because the development process of a society never goes back, it is irreversible. And a good future comes by showing respect towards other peoples, other cultures and other religions.

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