

AN ANALYSIS OF THE ALBANIAN POST-COMMUNIST SOCIETY IN THE THIRD DECADE OF ITS POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION

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Abstract

The political changes that happened after '90 in Albania although controversial for the content and their seriousness attract attention and seek an analysis to understand the point in which the Albanian society is today. The latest data published by Euro stat in June 2015 about the number of asylum seekers shows that the requests made by the Albanians citizens are ranked thirds after Syrian and Afghan citizens demands, countries that are in an armed conflict. For many reasons the Albanian society today is far away in socioeconomic and political developments hoped at the begging of the 90 '. About two and a half decades the Albanians in impossibility for the integration of their country in the EU see as the only alternative leaving their country toward the EU. These data doesn't deny the changes that have occurred in the country during these years but is the fact that after the quarter-century the country should be in a higher level of economic development, political and social raising rightly the doubt over the steps taken for the transformation policy and economic development of the country.

This prolonged way of political transition associated with phenomena such as corruption in the administration, organized crime, malfunctioning of the judiciary system, the lack of a functional economy has diminished not only the hope for economic progress and toward democracy but also optimism for a normal life in the country. This paper will be focused on the analysis of the elements that have deterred Albanian society to achieve higher levels of a functioning democracy and economy. The paper will try to explain the reasons that have kept in stagnation the Albanian democracy and also the role that have the historic past in the way toward democracy.

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