

# **PEOPLE'S REHABILITATION AFTER EXPERIENCING TRAUMA IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT ADJUSTING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC WELFARE: EXAMPLE OF KOSOVO**

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## **Abstract**

The phenomenon of immigration in Kosovo has been largely motivated by economic reasons, with the exception of the exodus as a result of conflict and war in the late 1990s from which most refugees were returned willingly immediately after the stabilization of the situation; But the developments of late 2014 and early 2015 have alarmed the local policymakers and those of the EU. More than 100,000 Kosovars crossed borders to the EU in an irregular manner, often using the asylum system as the only way to ensure the EU stance. The dire economic situation, the lack of social welfare and unemployment are some of the factors that have been attributed to reasons why many Kosovars raided illegal routes to migrate to European Union countries. However so far no criticism let alone study, it has tried to draw a parallel between the so-called "socio-economic exodus" and flow of trauma (transmitted trauma) 15 years after the war ended. This qualitative study with phenomenological approach attempts to understand the essence of cultural trauma manifested through a second exodus within 15 years.

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