

## Call for Papers

### **Balkans in the Age of Turbulence: Political Issues and Trends**

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Since the end of the Cold War, the Balkans have undergone significant political and economic transformations. Despite comprehensive reforms and closer regional cooperation, the region still faces outstanding issues in achieving lasting peace and prosperity. Moreover, the ongoing shifts in global geopolitics, along with recent social and economic trends, have introduced new challenges to the region's sustainable stability and growth. Emerging risks and uncertainties are affecting regional actors' strategic calculations, their security concerns and policies, and the relationships they build at national, regional, and international levels. At the same time, international actors are entering into new engagements that could impact regional balances. As a result, the region is witnessing important political, economic, and social developments. These current dynamics not only have the potential to shape the region's future but, given the strategic location of the Balkans, could also have far-reaching effects.

A forthcoming special issue of our journal will be dedicated to contemporary political issues and trends in the Balkans. We welcome original research articles on any relevant topic. If you would like to submit an article, please send a proposal of approximately 250 words to [ [zmert@marmara.edu.tr](mailto:zmert@marmara.edu.tr) & [mehmetugur.ekinci@asbu.edu.tr](mailto:mehmetugur.ekinci@asbu.edu.tr) ] by February 1, 2025. The proposals should be in English and include:

- a research question,
- the purpose and significance of the research,
- the research methodology.

Final manuscripts are expected to be submitted upon acceptance of proposals by September 30, 2025. Manuscripts should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words in English and written according to the journal's guidelines [ <https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/marmarasbd/writing-rules> ].

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