

Original scientific article**MONTENEGRIN-OTTOMAN BORDER RELATIONS
AFTER THE BERLIN CONGRES OF 1878**Ivan TEPAVCEVIC¹

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we will discuss the review of Montenegrin-Ottoman border relations in the period between 1878 and 1912. Following the period of centuries old conflicts, the two countries and cultures became neighbors and bordering countries after the recognition of Montenegrin independence. The paper is analyzing those relation that had their highs and lows, sometimes they were surprisingly good, and at other times on the verge of war. In the observed period, the authorities of both countries tried to avoid border incidents, and if these occurred, they calmed the situations down. As time passed, it became evident that interests of both countries would make it impossible for the existing borderline to hold. After almost 30-year period of truce, the final solution and the border issue during Balkan Wars came to an end.

KEY WORDS:

Montenegro; Ottoman; Diplomacy; Border relations

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SAŽETAK

U radu se daje pregled crnogorsko-osmanskih pograničnih odnosa u periodu od 1878. do 1912. godine. Nakon viševjekovnih sukoba, dvije države, civilizacije i kulture, nakon priznavanja crnogorske nezavisnosti postale su granični susjedi. U radu se analiziraju ti odnosi koji su imali svoje uspone i padove, ponekad su bili iznenađujuće dobri, a ponekad na ivici rata. Vlasti obije zemlje u analiziranom periodu nastojale su da izbjegnu granične incidente, a ukoliko je do njih došlo, smirivale su nastale situacije. Kako je vrijeme prolazilo, postalo je očigledno da će interesi obije zemlje onemogućiti održavanje postojeće granice. Nakon skoro 30-godišnjeg primirja, konačno rješenje i pitanje granice okončano je tokom Balkanskih ratova.

KLJUČNE RIJEČI:

Crna Gora; Osmansko carstvo; Diplomacija; Pogranični odnosi.