Peace agreements and human rights issues: Macedonia case

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There is an unimpaired link between ideas of Peace Agreements and Human Rights concept. Given the breadth of human rights and its complexity this paper will introduce the reader to the scope of the Human Rights Concept and the Peace Agreement aspects in the Republic of Macedonia since 1991. A greater emphasis is given on the Ohrid Framework Agreement in the range of conflict resolution and derivation of constitutional human rights changes in 2001 and its present challenges and perspectives. The paper is to proceed at three levels (i) analyze of processes that led to success/failure of implementation of agreement in Macedonia and (ii) empirical comparison of the processes at national level since 2001, and (iii) interdependence of peace agreement process and human rights in Macedonia. At the end the paper gives a special attention on the attempts for transformation of the Human Rights System in Macedonia from a rhetorical concept of ideals to a more concrete tool in the national level. Human Rights issues and reconciliation are becoming the main challenge factor for the integration of Macedonia into the European Union.

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