
IN THE [BALKANS], ETHNIC NATIONALISM THREATENS THE PATH TO EUROPE

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The last time Europe thought it was close to brokering a deal between Serbia and Kosovo, it didnt end well.

In August 2018, Kosovos President Hashim Thaci and Serbias Aleksander Vucic surprised everyone firstly by sitting next to each other on a panel in Austria, and then by confirming that bilateral talks to end two decades of estrangement were producing results.

An additional bombshell was that part of the talks might include border correction, which could see Serb majority areas of northern Kosovo handed to Serbia in return for ethnic-Albanian parts of Serbia. Kosovo is home to around 120,000 Serbs out of its population of 1.8 million.

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