

**THE GENDER OF THE NATION STATE: SOME EXAMPLES  
FROM THE BALKANS**

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Abstract

Based on the theoretical insights of Nira Yuval Davis' and Carol Pateman's path-breaking research and on a number of Southeast European examples the article spells out the relationship between gender and nation-state (XIX-XX c.). The author shows various practices of (gender) discriminations concerning women's citizenship in the realms of education, social, political rights, etc. and argues that the social contract in the modern nation-states (including in the Balkans) is a „fraternal social contract“ and the nation-state has a male gender.