

# **Discrimination in Higher Education is Source of Conflict: Albanian in Macedonia**

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***Abstract:** This paper is explaining discrimination of Albanian youth in higher education who live in Macedonia. There are considerable amount of ethnic Albanians living in Macedonia. It is known fact that 'bitter disputes exist between the majority Orthodox Macedonians and Muslim Albanians, who make up a quarter of Macedonia's population'. There are various reasons why there are 'bitter disputes'; one these disputes arise from discrimination in higher education.*

*It is an empirical study which has employed qualitative as well as quantitative methods. Survey and interviews are conducted in order to collect primary data. This data was analyzed and discussed under the available official data and literature for reaching a credible conclusion.*

*This research is providing quite important information why this conflict is happening and what are the root causes of the conflicts.*

*Despite the secondary sources, the research is based on the survey, which is addressed to the students who can easily show and describe the problems that the students face due to discrimination. The research indicates that the discrimination has great impact on the conflict and without addressing this discrimination in higher education; it could be more difficult to find a plausible solution to the problem for future of Macedonia.*

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