

23 Years after the fall of Communism the Challenges of Albania in the Political System

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Abstract: *Albania was the last country 23 years ago that broke down the communist regime paving the way for the establishment of pluralism and the creation of Democratic Party, the first political force in the country. In these years Albania has undergone profound changes and has achieved a big leap. It should be noted that it might have progressed more quickly if transition will not be related with trauma that delayed it in time. Transition in theory is called historical process during which the communist states carry out radical transformation of the political regime into pluralist democracy and market economy. Albania during these years had faced many defeats that hindered its political and social development.*

This paper examines the challenges of Albania in efforts to be a developed country, the problems that Albania has experienced with the fall of communist system and the multiple transitions toward democracy. How have numerous political parties influenced Albanian political system? What is the impact of new electoral system in Albania and which steps have led Albania towards democratization? What are the challenges that Albania have experienced in these years? What are the success and failures of Albanian politics?

Methodology that it is used is single case study through qualitative method. Literature is based in different books, newspapers and various articles related with this topic. The first part analyzes the political system in communism regime and after the fall of communism the situation of Albania. The second part discusses the challenges of Albania in political system and democratization. Additionally, the paper argues about the attempts of government towards democratization of the country and the current situation.

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