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**Religion, Identity and Politics in Montenegro: Balancing the Position of the State and Orthodox Churches after the breakup of Yugoslavia**

The dissertation focuses on relations among the Serbian Orthodox Church (SPC), the Montenegrin state and the Montenegrin Orthodox Church (CPC) and the extent to which the Orthodox Churches are able to introduce and further their political agenda and shape political processes within the country. A key research aspect lies in analyzing ties and interactions between the state and the Orthodox churches during pre-election periods, election campaigns and the elections, which have taken place in Montenegro since the 1990s.