

Editor's Notes

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This issue is full of remarkable papers. I am very pleased that Janine Wedel has agreed to let us publish one of her papers on East European cliques. This papers have attracted a lot of attention the last few years, both in anthropological and policy circles. Anatoly Khazanov brings us up to date on the atmosphere in Moscow today. Hugh Gusterson raises some interesting issues about the way in which Russian scientists are perceived by American scientists and the press. Julie Hemmert provides a novel view of NGO's in East European states. Antonia Young offers a fascinating account of Albanian women taking on life-long male roles as so-called "sworn virgins." Bob Minnich brings us up to date on the development of civil society in Slovenia. Karl Kaiser and Joel Halpern analyze the contemporary Serbian myths surrounding Kosovo. Maja Povrzanovic unpacks the contemporary discourse on returnees in Croatia. Mirjana Prosic-Dvornic offers her views of the student and civil protests in Belgrade in 96-97. Sanja Kalapos gives us an account of contemporary youth issues in Zagreb. We also have a review of Kürti and Langman's collection of papers on remaking cultural identities, by Alexandra Bitusikova. I think this is the first time that half of the papers were produced by authors resident in North America and half were produced by authors in Europe.

A Note from Bulgaria:

Our Society has been conducting anthropological research in Eastern Europe since 1989. In this regard I would like to invite you to visit our web site <http://www.cit.bg/home/bsrcs> and if possible to suggest it to your readers. We also organize a field course "Mountain Pastoralism: A Field-Course With A Muslim Community In The Balkans (Bulgaria) 15 July -10 August 1998", <http://www.cit.bg/home/bsrcs/announce.htm> that might be of interest for some of you and your readers.

Yours sincerely,

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