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Religion, Identity and Power – Turkey and the Balkans in the Twenty-first Century

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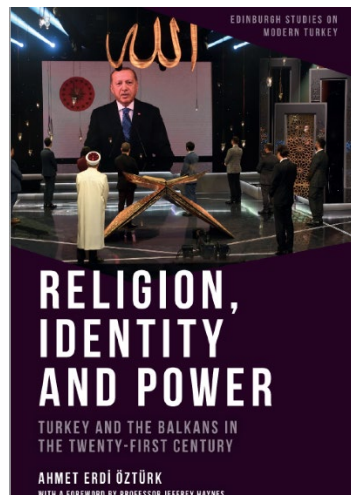


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The book

Turkey and its recent ethno-religious transformation have had a strong impact on the state identity and the country's relation to the Balkan Peninsula. This book examines Turkey's ethno-religious activism and power-related political strategies in the Balkans between 2002 and 2020, the period under the rule of the Justice and Development Party (AKP), to determine the scope of its activities in the region. It discusses the effects of Turkey's authoritarian turn during the AKP rule in the domain of foreign policy and examines the role of religion, ethnicity, state identity and power in the relations between Turkey and the Balkan Peninsula.

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Moderation

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*The book presentation will take place online on **Zoom**. Please use the following link to register as a participant no later than 29 January 2020: [Registration](#)*