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BULGARIA AS A TRANSNATIONAL AGENT**

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ABSTRACT

Globalization has been shown to increase the ties between countries. This situation has started to affect the people who migrated as well with the effect of globalization. The concept of transnationalism, which started to be used in migration literature with globalization, is the main starting point of this study and transnational migration defined as the international process that connects countries with the social relations and daily practices of immigrants. Thus, the aim of the research project is to emphasize the Europeanization's importance and to understand the changing dynamics of the immigration and adaptation from the new socio-political perspective. As a graduate of European Studies and International Relations and having aware of their significance, I have developed my research on these key issues by highlighting the participation channel to the society of newcomers in the context of socio-economic, cultural, political and paying sufficient attention to the historical context. By doing this, the project does not only point out to give a new meaning to the transformation of the immigration, but also it enables to develop a new point of view for the European Union citizens' social mobilization in the EU member states. With this aim and notions in mind, Turks of Bulgaria, who have a certain transnational lifestyle between Turkey and Bulgaria, will be examined as a transnational agent in this study.

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