

The Political Ideology of the Risorgimento and the Serbian national movement in XIX century: the similarities and differences of the two political concepts and their heritage

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Abstract

Highlights of the paper will be points of coincidence and divergence in the ideas, writings and mainstream of the two national ideologies of Italian and Serbian national movement through XIX century. It will be analyzed and examined similarities and differences in ideas and approaches in national issue between their principal representatives. An effort will be made to provide a new perspective on the two concepts of national liberation and national theory through their activity. It will be described similarities and contradictions in opinion of the forerunners of these movements – Serbian conservative intellectuals in Austro-Hungary and catholic writers of national unification in Italy, Cesare Balbo and Jovan Hadžić as one part of much broader background, Giuseppe Mazzini and Vladimir Jovanović, Aurelio Saffi and liberal politicians of Svetoandrejska skupština (Ujedinjena omladina srpska), Ilija Garašanin and Camillo Benso di Cavour. Particular attention will be paid, apart from questioning their ideologies, to the circumstances that led to the emergence of the first major political parties in Italy and Serbia, at almost similar times - Italian Historical Left and Historical Right (from 1860s and 70s) and Naprednjačka, Liberalna and Radikalna stranka (from 1881).

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