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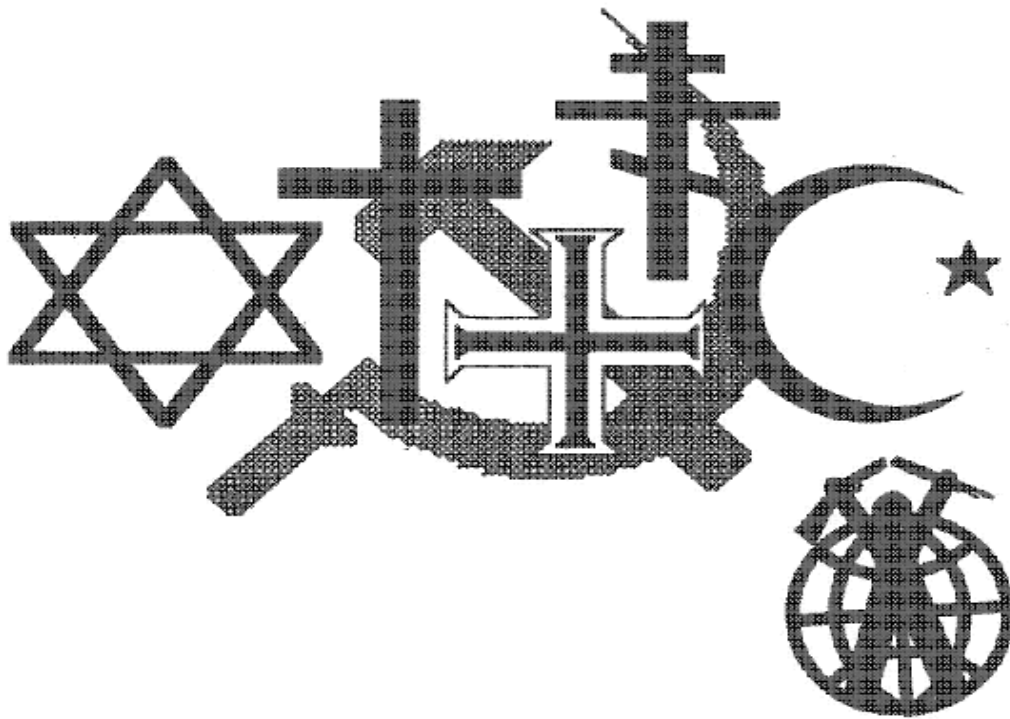
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EDITORIAL

In this issue we are taking an uncommon path. With the permission of Mr. Gjergji Vurmo and Ms. Leonie Vrugtman of the Institute for Democracy and Mediation, of Tirana, Albania, we decided to reproduce in full, in its original published form, the Proceedings of the first conference entitled “The Role of Religion in Western Balkan’s Societies” which took place on June 11 and 12, 2019. It is desirable to do so to give this important religious and scholarly conference greater circulation which OPREE is able to provide. The fact that there were conflicts and wars in that region in the recent past yet religious institutions, leaders, and scholars are able to work together to gain a better insight into the role of religion is of extraordinary importance. By reproducing the entire volume in its original form means that we are departing from our regular format, but we are gaining the advantages of their graphic design and the photos, which enhance the pleasure of reading.

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