**An Assessment of Syrian Refugee Crisis: Western Balkans as a Way Through**

**Hungary, Serbia, Macedonia (FYR)[[1]](#footnote-2)**

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**Abstract**

 In this summer, we witnessed the unpreparedness of European Union and other target and transition countries in Syrian Refugee Crisis caused by civil war in Syria. In this paper, I will try to scrutinize the policies of Western Balkan countries, namely FYROM, Serbia and Hungary and will try to underline the convergent and divergent points of their policies vis-à-vis European Union regarding the Refugee Crisis. I will try to emphasize on the importance of transition ways in the Refugee Crisis. I will use the secondary resources, the data from United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (<http://www.unhcr.org.tr/>?), from national data of the countries mentioned above and I will search for the way how the representatives of European Union and of above mentioned states securitized the issue.

**Keywords:** Refugee System, Securitization of Refugee Crisis,Transition Ways, European Union, Western Balkans.

1. As the name of Republic of Macedonia is a disputed issue with Greece (officially the Helllenic Republic), it will be mentioned as FYROM as it is referred as such in UN records. <http://www.un.org/en/members/countryinfo.asp?countryname=macedonia> (accessed on 27.12.2015) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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