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**“Montenegrin Parliamentary elections: A birth of democracy or a resurrection of Balkan nationalism and the end of multi-culturalism”**



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#### **Short bio note**

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She is the principal investigator in the Montenegrin National Election Study, Comparative Electoral System Study for Montenegro (2012, 2016), as well as the national coordinator for the European Social Study in Montenegro (2018 and 2020).

#### **Abstract**

Parliamentary elections in Montenegro held on 30th of August 2020 brought the first democratic change of Government in Montenegrin history. After the historic election defeat of until then pre-dominant ex-communist - Democratic Party of Socialists a new black-green coalition took power. The talk will explore the causes of government turnover in Montenegro looking into the overall political and socio-economic context in which the elections took place and public opinion data in order to illustrate voting behavior that brought about the change. Also, the talk will discuss the consequences of the turnover with regards to both domestic politics and wider Montenegrin position in the context of European integration and West-East relations.