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**Scholarship Offers Background Understanding of  
the Kosovo Declaration of Independence**

*Analysis and History of the Nations and Peoples  
of the Former Yugoslavia*

NEW YORK (March 3, 2008) – Kosovo's declaration of independence from Serbia is the latest break in what was once the nation of Yugoslavia. A region whose internal struggles have long had global repercussions, the need to understand the current developments there is particularly urgent. Books for Understanding, an online resource from the Association of American University Presses, provides a guide to the latest and best scholarship on the region.

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- *Serbia Since 1989: Politics and Society under Milosevic and After*, edited by Sabrina P. Ramet and Vjeran Pavlakovic (University of Washington Press, 2006): a valuable collection of essays studying the 13 brutal years of Milosevic's reign and its effects on the nation that emerged.
- *This Was Not Our War: Bosnian Women Reclaiming the Peace*, edited by Swanee Hunt, foreword by William Jefferson Clinton (Duke University Press, 2004): 26 first-person accounts of how Bosnian survivors are rebuilding their country.
- *The Culture of Lies: Antipolitical Essays*, by Dubravka Ugresic (Penn State University Press, 1998): Croatian Ugresic's award-winning essays unveil the banality and brutality of nationalism in every aspect of public and private life.

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