

Paper: “Organized Crime in Kosovo: A Comprehensive Analysis of Narcotics and Human Trafficking (2019-2023)”

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Peer review:

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Reviewer 3: Blinded

Reviewer A:

Recommendation: Accept Submission

The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.

The title of the manuscript submitted, "Organized Crime in Kosovo: A Comprehensive Analysis of Narcotics and Human Trafficking (2019-2023)", is adequate to the topic approached by the author in the content of the article.

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

The Abstract presents a clear provision in accordance with the main rules of writing the scientific papers. It reflects the most important issues related to the topic involved. The object, methods used as well as the results along with a comprehensive discussion are provided in a scientific manner. Nevertheless, Abstract should be written in one single text. No multiple sections are necessary.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

The author proves a proficiency degree of English language.

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

The author used a mixed methodology of research, combining both theoretical issues and practical references, all these approached under a qualitative research method. The topic involved is well provided by the author and explained in a scientific context.

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

The manuscript is well structured and there are a few errors in its content. Some remarks will be specified.

- In-text citation: (Kurtenbach & Rettberg, 2020, p. 1) Argue Actually, the right form of citation is: Kurtenbach and Rettberg (2020, p. 1) argue ...
- At the Results section: At the end of the paragraph beginning with "The police's annual report ..." could be inserted a citation.
- Figure 3 should be titled as Table 1; Figure 4 as Table 2; Figure 5 as Table 3; Figure 7 as Table 4. Then, the Figures should be renumbered accordingly.
- As long as, above the Figure/Table the author inserted the title, under them only the Source is necessary to be specified. This means that the Note should be replaced with Source:
- "global initiative against transnational organized crime" - should be first capital letter for the entire institution.
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- "state of the victims" : I am afraid it is about the "status of the victims".

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

The Conclusion section is comprehensively provided by the author in accordance with the entire content of the manuscript submitted. It resumes the most important issues

regarding the topic involved, emphasizing the current defining elements of organized crime and its challenges in Kosovo.

The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

The Reference list is very rich, but, despite this character, there is a serious lack in the in-text citations. Actually, many of the references provided at the end of the manuscript do not appear in text as cited. This means that there is no concordance between the Reference list and the citations used in text. The author should revise this issue.

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[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the LANGUAGE of this paper.

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Please rate the METHODS of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the BODY of this paper.

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Please rate the CONCLUSION of this paper.

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Accepted, minor revision needed

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

A few remarks will be specified and the comments should be taken into consideration by the author.

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Reviewer B:

Recommendation: Accept Submission

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The title of the paper is clear and reflects the research topic.

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

The abstract clearly describes the research objectives and estimated results, but it is not visible which research methods the author used.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

A small number of grammatical and spelling errors were found. In some cases, British spelling is used, in other cases - American.

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

The author presents research methods separately and justifies the necessity of their use.

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

The text of the paper is clear and easy to understand for the reader but contains grammatical errors.

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

The conclusion is correctly formulated and represents a compilation of pre-conclusions.

The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

45 sources are used in the paper. The used sources are indicated in the main part of the work in the appropriate manner.

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Accepted, minor revision needed

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

The work is relevant and deals with real problems. The existing problems are interestingly analysed and the ways to solve them are highlighted. It is recommended that the author choose British or American spelling.
