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Turning Points in Post-War Bosnia outlines some basic trends, focusing on three essential issues facing this country: democratisation and transitions processes, country ownership, and potential turning points. Addressing these issues in a non-dogmatic way, in the spirit of constructive criticism, the book concludes that both the European Union and Bosnia must seize their opportunities and responsibilities. As the Dayton decade draws to an end, the next chapter in Bosnia's history must be a European one, and it must start now.

„Christophe Solioz – an expert involved in the Balkans for over a decade – reviews key moments in Bosnia and Herzegovina's post-war development. Highlighting the complexity of the ownership process as well as the necessity to foster local responsibility, Solioz focuses on the processes of state-building and European integration that will evolve by implicit necessity and not by fiat or decree.“

Wolfgang Petritsch

„With Turning Points in Post-War Bosnia Christophe Solioz not only provides a useful assessment of the Bosnian reality, but suggests truly workable solutions to the problems still facing our country, despite the many achievements of the Dayton decade. Indeed, adoption of at least some of these proposed solutions, by both the domestic and international political structures in Bosnia and Herzegovina, would move Bosnia forward.“

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