



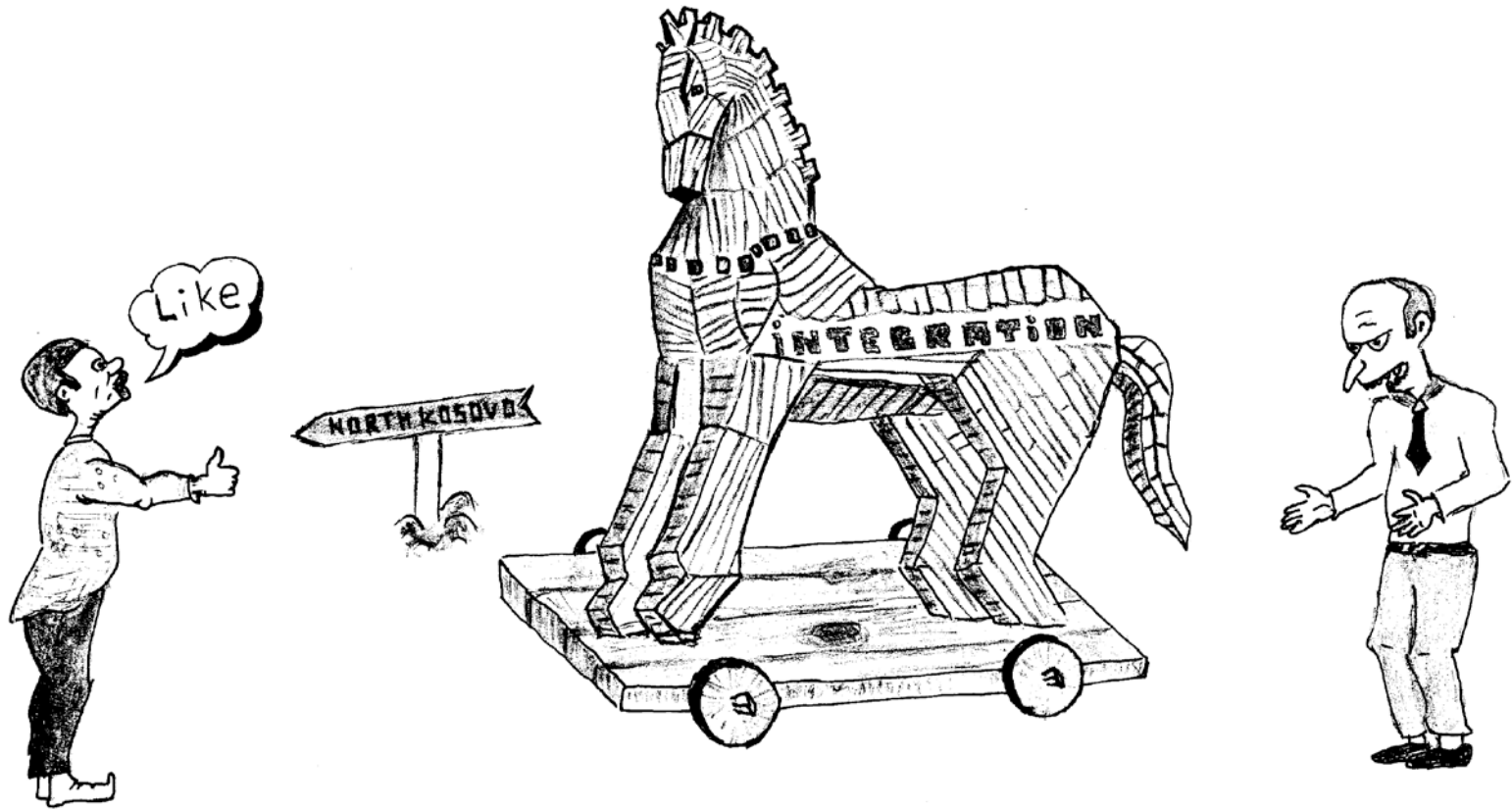
# **“It is decided in Brussels for our wishes”: Competing Discourses of Decentralization in Kosovo**

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# Decentralization

‘Decentralization means the delegation of executive and administrative powers to local levels of government.’

(Stefan Wolff, 2013: 33)

Devolution, De-concentration and Delegation

(Joseph Siegle and Patrick O’Mahony, 2006: 2)





# Decentralization

- Inclusion vs. stability
- Effectiveness as conflict management, challenges of implementation
- Popular policy, global collection of cases



# Decentralization, Discursive Exchanges and Signalling



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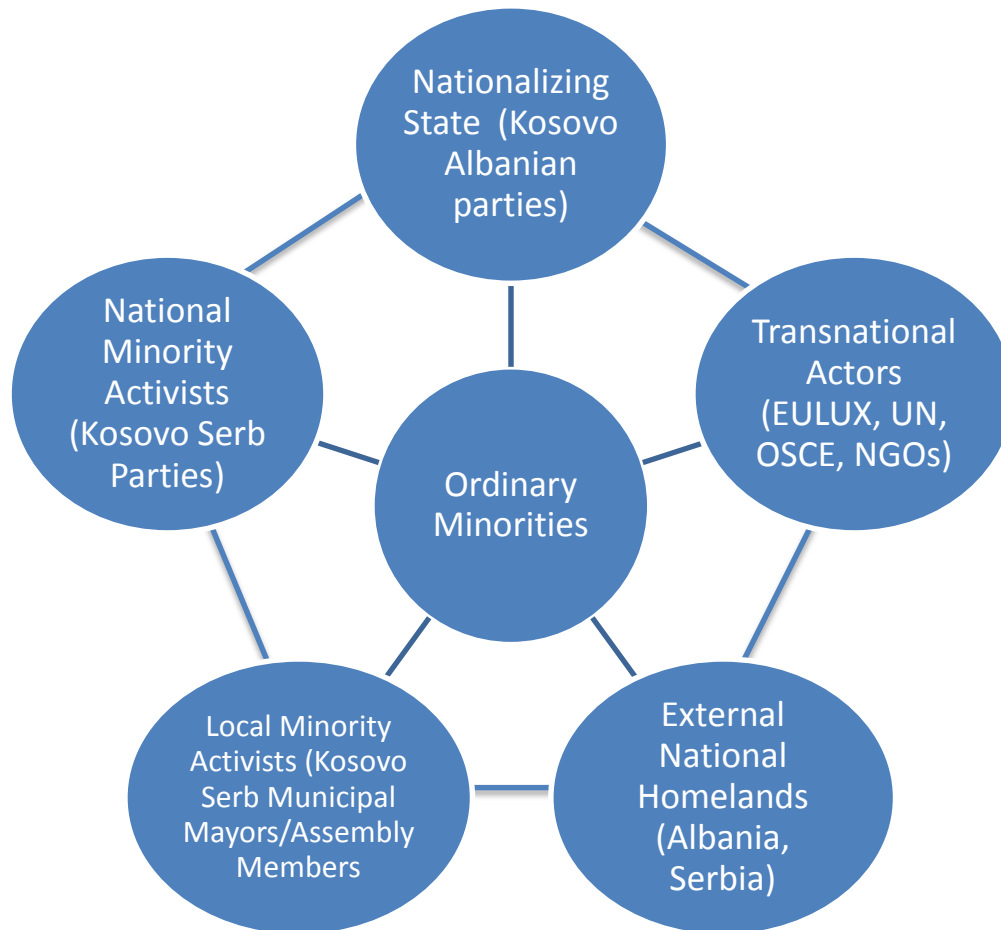
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- Minority-Majority-International bargaining
- Consent and acceptance of decentralization
- Peacebuilding's local turn

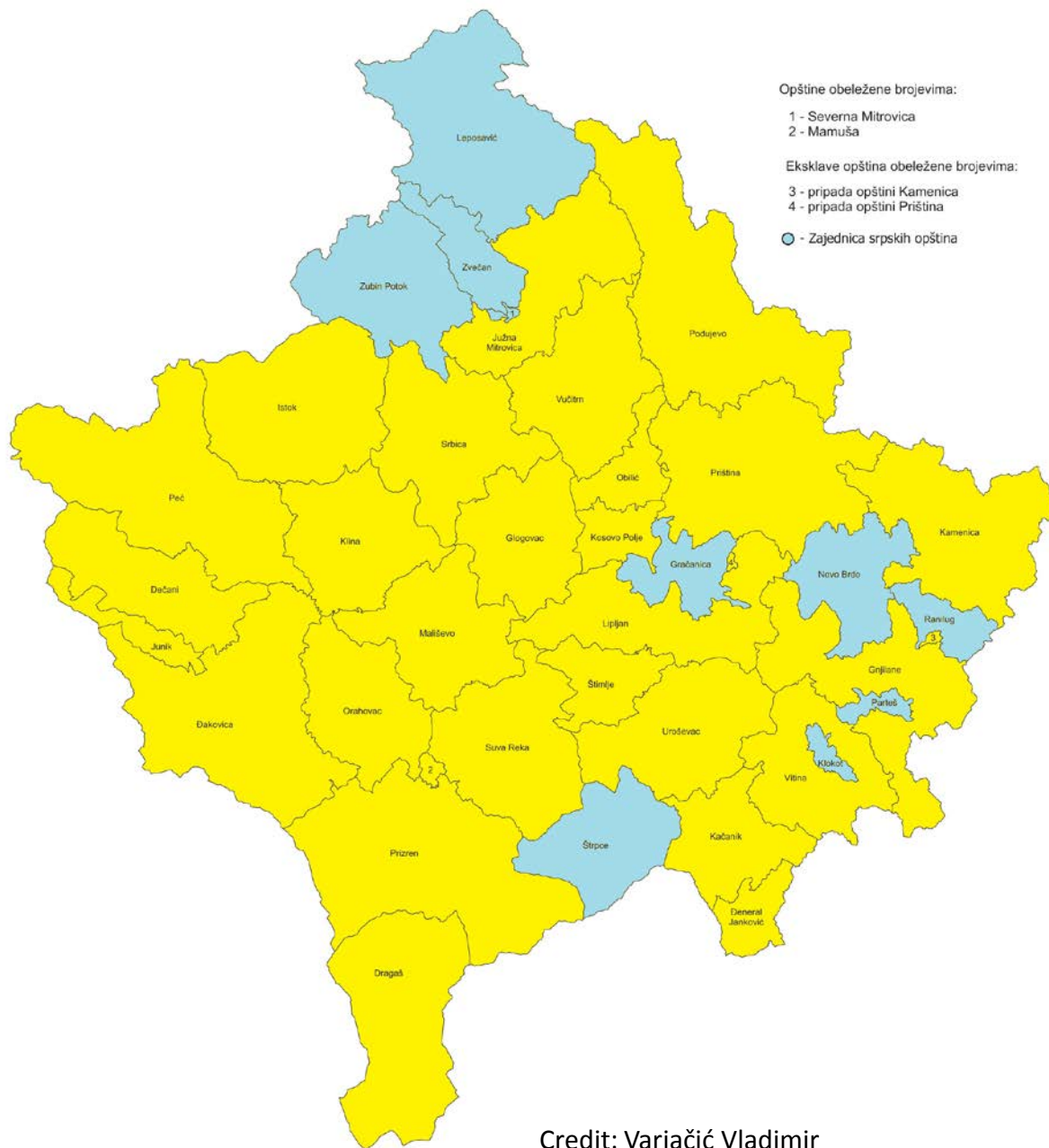


# Multi-level Network for Minorities



Adapted from Pickering, 2007: 16





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# Serb-to-Serb Dialogue



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# Ongoing Research Challenges



- Comparable dataset of majority voices?
- Serb-to-*Serb*
- Other, non-Serb minorities in Kosovo
- Studying the local, but from afar





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