
Fehari Ramadani**THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE FOR
THE INDEPENDENCE OF ALBANIA**

(Summary)

Austria-Hungary was the Great Power which supported the Albanian national movement from the end of the nineteenth century. With the outbreak of the general uprising of 1912 Albanian efforts to secure the support of the Great Powers were focused mainly on Austria-Hungary. The end of 1912 marks a crucial stage in the development of Albanian national movement. At the time, diplomacy of Austria-Hungary was activated to find solutions to the unresolved issues created as a result of the Balkan war. The situation created after the start of the Balkan war sparked concerns and response of the Austria-Hungary which was very much worried because of the potential instability and uncontrolled situation in the South-Eastern Europe. Austria-Hungary applied active policy to prevent occupying of Albanian lands from the Allies. Proclamation of the Independence of Albania was not an unexpected act from the Austria-Hungary because Wien organized a crucial support for the Albanian leaders. Without this kind of support regarding the Albanian question Albanian lands would have been more severely affected.