

# Newsletter

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## Editorial

The year 2018 will be remembered at the Institute for a very significant event – the moving into a new location in Frankopanska 22 (the premises of The Miroslav Krleža Institute of Lexicography). Finally, all our researchers and professional services are together, after decades of being “scattered” in multiple locations, while our office in Amruševa 11 became the Institute library. Moving in out and partial furnishing of the space could not have been possible without significant financial assistance of the Croatian Ministry of Science and Education, for which we express our gratitude. Despite having managed the greatest and the hardest part of relocation during summer and during annual leave, all the ISRZ employees invested a lot of their effort and private time in the preparation and realization of relocating, in order to make everything ready for the smooth beginning of work in September.

We quickly made ourselves at home in the new location, of which we can testify by the photographs of the Christmas-New Year party and the Christmas tree decorating. Working in mutual space enabled us to overcome what was obstructing our research work, and that is the lack of daily communication, talks, debates and getting together of different research teams and groups. Although lonesome during the phase of writing, research work is primarily team work during the phases of thinking, realization and dissemination. It is why spatial closeness is irreplaceable.

In the previous year we got a new Managing Board. The President is Krešimir Nemec, F.C.A., and the members are Assoc. Prof. Nina Begičević Ređep, Ph.D. from the Faculty of Organization and Informatics of the University of Zagreb and Đurđica Dragojević from the Ministry of Sci-

ence and Education. They all actively took their roles in the Institute's managing activities.

In the Newsletter we usually summarize the most important results of our research work and all our activities, primarily our scientific research projects. In 2018 the Institute carried out 10 international projects financed under EU programs Horizon 2020, Rights, Equality and Citizenship (2014-2020) and Erasmus +, IPA program and the MSE bilateral cooperation program. We also conducted 7 domestic projects, of which 2 financed by the Croatian Science Foundation and 5 by the Ministry of Education and Science VIF program. We also carried out 7 domestic or international projects with educational organizations, national and/or local authorities, and national or international civil society organizations. We strengthened international cooperation and exchange both by incoming and outgoing mobility. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Minnesota, USA. The collaboration was initiated following a thematic workshop on contemporary trends in the sector of youth in Croatia, which was held in the ISRZ premises. A plan of comparison of the system of youth work in Croatia and Minnesota was designed during the workshop. Furthermore, we collaborated in the program and organizing committees of a number of international conferences, among which the **International Conference on migration, integration and religion in early childhood education**, organized by the ISRZ and the Department for Islamic-Teological Studies of the University of Vienna, and the **4<sup>th</sup> Days of Educational Sciences: The Educational System: a Confining and/or Stimulating Environment**.

In the previous year we were especially active in the dissemination of our research work. Apart from publishing

our papers in international and domestic scientific journals and books, our researchers presented 65 papers at 38 international conferences held in Croatia or abroad (Map 1 on page 15). They also presented 35 papers at 34 domestic conferences.

Three regular yearly numbers of the journal *Sociology and Space* were published, which are available at the [Institute's web-page](#) and at [Hrčak](#). A new Editorial Board of the journal *Sociology and Space* was elected. New Editor-in-chief of the journal is prof. Ankica Marinović, Ph.D., Managing Editor is Lana Peternel, Ph.D., and new Book Review Editor is Josip Šipić. I thank former long-standing Editor-in-chief Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac, Ph.D. for her devoted work on the journal. Owing to her persistent commitment and the work of former Managing Editor Jelena Zlatar Gamberožić, Ph.D. and Book Review Editor Ana Maskalan, Ph.D., the journal *Sociology and Space* has continued its long-standing tradition of publishing and affirming the topics from the domain of spatial research and various related socio-cultural topics.

Within our special editions, the ISRZ published, in collaboration with the Centre for Democracy and Law Miko Tripalo and the Evangelical Theological Seminary Osijek, the book **"500 godina protestantizma: baština i otisci u hrvatskom društvu"** [500 years of Protestantism: Heritage and Imprint in the Croatian Society], edited by prof. Ankica Marinović (ISRZ) and prof. Ivan Markešić (Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar). We also published on our web-page a handbook **"Metodološki**

**priručnik za izradu kurikuluma: područja kurikuluma, međupredmetne teme, predmeti"** [Methodological handbook for curriculum design: areas of curriculum, inter-subject topics, subjects] edited by Boris Jokić, Ph.D. and Zrinka Ristić Dedić, Ph.D.

In the academic year 2017/18 the ISRZ initiated a lifelong learning program **Youth in contemporary society** in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Rijeka. It is a youth studies pilot program that was created as a response to society's clearly articulated need for an educational programme based on scientific research of youth as a specific social group, enabling students to achieve expertise in the field of youth studies and civic education.

Finally, some other activities from the previous year also need to be mentioned, and there were many of them. They included various forms of presenting our work, organizing domestic and international conferences or participating in them, publishing in renowned journals and books, organizing and moderating forums, debates and workshops, at which we addressed and discussed current social phenomena.

We invite you to follow our Facebook profile and our web-page regularly and stay informed about our activities.

Director  
**Dinka Marinović Jerolimov, Ph.D.**



New premises at Frankopanska 22



## Projects in 2018

### *International projects*

In 2018 the Institute carried out 10 international projects financed under EU programs Horizon 2020, Rights, Equality and Citizenship (2014-2020) and Erasmus +, IPA program and the MSE bilateral cooperation program.

### *Horizon 2020*

#### *Project “Techno Past Techno Future – European Researchers’ Night 2018-2019”*

In the beginning of 2018 following an invitation of the Ministry of Science and Education the ISRZ joined actively the consortium of 18 Croatian scientific and academic organizations gathered around planning the implementation of the European Researchers’ Night 2018-2019 in Croatia. ERN is a long-standing initiative of the European Commission in the area of science, with an emphasis on the popularization of science, on raising public awareness of the importance of “science in and for society”, on the importance of scientific research work and on the European and national scientific policies. The European Researchers’ Night is traditionally held every year across Europe on the last Friday in September. In 2018 and 2019 Croatia joined this event by implementing the **“Techno Past Techno Future – European Researchers’ Night 2018-2019”** project funded under the EU Framework Program for Research and Innovation 2014 – 2020 – Horizon 2020. The main idea of the TPTF-ERN project is to carry out an intensive campaign for raising awareness in the whole country about the significance of science, with the purpose of the popularization of science and scientists among citizens, especially the young ones. Further on, it is foreseen that the project will inform the main event visitors about EU activities in the domain of science and innovation, from existing programs to related programs, which are open to citizens and which citizens could benefit from. The final expected outcome of the ERN is a positive image of public financing of science and the importance of science in citizens’ everyday life, because most activities will be conducted by the researchers themselves, among whom some are fellows of the EU program Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions. Be-

sides participating in the main activities of the project, the ISRZ conducts the project evaluation and examines the attitudes of target groups towards science, scientific profession and the ERN program.



European Researchers’ Night

#### *Project “Investigating the impact of the Innovation Union (I3U)”*

In 2018 the “I3U” project finished, in which the Croatian partner was the Institute of Economics, Zagreb, and in which prof. Maja Jokić, Ph.D. (ISRZ – Urban/Rural and Science Research Centre) has participated since 2015. More information about the project can be found in previous numbers of the Newsletter. The main aim of the Innovation Union is to strengthen the potential for innovations of the EU. In order to stimulate innovations, a total of 13 general objectives and 34 specific (policy) commitments associated to the objectives were defined, with the focus put on their effects on the innovation system as a whole and the effects of innovations on the whole economic system. The basic idea was to retrace the entire chain of effects of the commitments, from their implementation to their final impact in terms of competitiveness, growth or employment.

#### *EU program Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC)*

##### *Project “Equal rights – Equal pay – Equal pensions”*

Project “Equal rights – Equal pay – Equal pensions” – Expanding the scope of implementation of gender equality actions and legal standards towards achieving gen-



der equality and combating poverty in Croatia”, funded under the EU program Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC), began in 2018. Project coordinator is the Ombudsperson for Gender Equality of the Republic of Croatia, and the partners are ISRZ, CESI – Centre for Education, Counselling and Research, Retired Persons’ Trade Union of Croatia (SUH) and Institute for the Equality of Women and Men (Belgium). The project is supported by the following state bodies: Ministry of Labour and Pension System, Ministry of Science and Education, Ministry of Public Administration, Croatian Bureau of Statistics. The project deals with the almost invisible topic of gender pay and pension inequalities, resulting in social and economic insecurity of women.

The aim is to ensure the standards, measures and actions that will contribute to raising awareness about the problem of pay and pension gaps between men and women with a view to reducing the risk of poverty for women. Target groups are representatives of competent authorities, public and private companies, trade unions and high school students at the national and local levels. The project will provide us with new knowledge that will enable a better understanding of the causes and consequences of the pay and pension gaps. We will be able to create an educational programme, draw up a national legislative framework and organise national campaigns with a view to raising awareness about this problem. The principal investigator and project coordinator for ISRZ is Josip Šipić, M.A. More about the project can be found in the project [brochure](#).



Presentation of the EU project “*Equal rights – Equal pay – Equal pensions*” in the Croatian Parliament

## Erasmus +

### *Project “Hand in Hand: Social and Emotional Skills for Tolerant and Non-discriminative Societies (A Whole School Approach)”*

“*Hand in Hand*” is a project involving seven partner institutions from five countries: Slovenia, Denmark, Croatia, Germany and Sweden, led by the Educational Research Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia. The aim of this international three-year project is to design and implement an innovative program for the development of socio-emotional and intercultural competencies of primary school students as well as their teachers, professional associates and principals and to build a positive and inclusive class and school climate for all participants of the educational process. Social, emotional and interkultural (SEI) competences are related to numerous positive outcomes, both on the level of individual and school as a whole, such as better school success, improved communication between students and teachers and reduced undesirable and aggressive behaviour. “*Hand in Hand*” program includes a whole school approach, and is simultaneously implemented in schools in four participating countries. The program involves the participation of eighth grade students, their teachers, school staff and principals. The program for students was implemented in six schools through five 90-minute modules, in which the topics of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making were addressed. The program for teachers included two two-day and two one-day seminars during which, apart from the already mentioned topics, the skills of strengthening teachers’ personal authority and improving their SEI competences were practised. The program for school staff and school principals was implemented through two one-day seminars in which the competences of these two groups of participants were strengthened along with raising their awareness about the role they play in building and developing inclusive school climate. Principal investigator and project coordinator for ISRZ is Iris Marušić, Ph.D.



*"Hand in Hand" workshop for teacher held in Sv. Martin na Muri*

### ***Project "Support to better knowledge in youth policy"***

The project is focused on establishing a codified system of national youth policy monitoring. The European Commission addressed the launching of the Youth Wiki, an online encyclopedia of all member states' national youth policies, as one of its priorities within its youth policy framework. Therefore, the goal of this project, which is an integral part of the Youth Wiki project, is to collect, systematize and analyze data clustered into nine subfields of the European youth policy, in accordance with the EU Youth Strategy. Members of the ISRZ research team analyzed overall youth policy in Croatia using the given European methodology and wrote a report that will serve as a national report on youth policy at the EU level.

With this project, the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb and its Center for Youth and Gender Studies has become a focal point for national youth policy monitoring. Principal investigator, project manager and national correspondent for Youth Wiki is Marko Kovačić, M.A.

### ***Project "EUROPE GOES LOCAL – Supporting Youth Work at the Municipal Level"***

The main aim of the project is to identify and discuss various challenges that youth work at the local level is facing. There are five main topics this project tends to cover: developing enhanced quality of youth work policy and practice, reaching out to marginalised groups, integrating European projects in everyday municipal youth work, managing municipal youth work, and finding adequate and constructive roles and positions in

cross-sectorial cooperation. Project leader is the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes and the activities of the ISRZ include mapping of municipal youth work, dissemination of the research results and presenting at conferences on municipal youth work. Principal investigator and ISRZ project coordinator is Marko Kovačić, M.A.

### ***Project "Juggling Motherhood and Profession (JUMP)"***

The main goal of the project is to form a transnational network of education and experience exchange intended for social work professionals and universities in the countries involved in the project (Italy, Greece, Spain, Croatia). The purpose of collaboration in the first phase of the project is to enable exchange and implementation of innovative practices in social support, education and leading vulnerable groups. In the second phase the purpose is to empower the target group of mothers from the participating countries by implementing innovative methods of social support tailored according to their specific and complex needs, in order to increase their employability. Project coordinator is Ufficio Pio della Compagnia di San Paolo ONLUS from Torino, Italy. Research activities within the project are led by Josip Šipić, M.A. from the ISRZ Centre for Youth and Gender Studies.

### ***IPA projects***

#### ***Project "Divided Past - Joint Future"***

The project has been implemented since 2016 with the aim of building the infrastructure for an effective process of reconciliation in the Western Balkans and Turkey. This project requires a coordinated approach to governments of the Western Balkans, the scientific community, private sector and citizens. The structure of the project is based on the research, dissemination and policy component. The project aims to provide recognition of civil society as an important social factor with strong capacities for the implementation of peace building and reconciliation, in order to strengthen stability and security in the process of EU integration of the Western Balkans countries. The ISRZ in this project is responsible for the development and coordination of research about perception and behaviour of different actors in the process of peace building and reconciliation in the Western Balkans. It inclu-

des the following activities: methodological design of comparative research, training of researchers, coordination of local partners who conduct research, analysis of qualitative and quantitative data resulting from research and development of research reports. Principal investigator and project coordinator for ISRZ is Anja Gvozdenović, Ph.D.

### *International Social Survey Programme – ISSP*

ISSP is an on-going programme of cross-national research implemented within a network of institutions from 48 countries, which conduct surveys on various aspects of social life. In this oldest international social sciences project in the world the ISRZ has been the Croatian representative since 2005 (when Croatia entered the project). By entering the project, every member country has committed itself to conduct a survey on a national representative sample of adult population, finance its implementation on its own and deposit the data in accordance with rigorously set standards in the mutual base in the GESIS Leibniz Institute in Cologne, and participate in annual project meetings. In 2012 Croatia (ISRZ) was host of the annual meeting held in Cavtat, when we became a member of the project Standing Committee for 4 years. Every year the survey covers a different topic (social inequalities, national identity, religion, health, work orientations, role of government, environment, sports and leisure time, family and changing gender roles, social networks), and the topics are repeated in intervals of 8-10 years. Until now, some topics have been repeated four times already, e.g. Module Religion for 2018. In Croatia this is the second survey for this topic. By including researchers from other institutions and countries in publications (the example of edited volume on environmental topics *Sustainability perspectives from the European semi-periphery*) we reach one of the ISSP goals and provide a good example of collaboration, and become more visible in the Croatian scientific community. Principal investigator and project coordinator for ISRZ is Dinka Marinović Jerolimov, Ph.D.

### *Bilateral cooperation between Croatia and Slovenia*

#### *Project “Urban revitalization process of Ljubljana city center. Comparison with Zagreb city center.” (2018-2019)*

Principal investigator for Croatia is Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac, Ph.D. (ISRZ), and for Slovenia Boštjan Kerbler, Ph.D. (Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia).

The ISRZ team started the collaboration with the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia from Ljubljana in 2018. They studied the urban revitalization of Ljubljana city centre. It was relevant to explore and compare the case study of Ljubljana, as the so-called Green Capital for 2016 (awarded by the EC), with the Croatian capital, and the aim was to better identify Slovenian good practices and provide useful guidelines for Zagreb’s future urban development. Based on the obtained findings on the positive sides and weaknesses of Ljubljana revitalization, the analysis of data from semi-structured interviews and/or focus groups, and the knowledge of present spatial and social development of Zagreb, which Slovenian partners were introduced to during their study visit and fieldwork in Zagreb, a mutual data base will be created by which research teams will create a scientific base which can be used as comparative and instigating for the revitalization of the Zagreb city centre, thus contributing to the overall quality of life.



Meeting of colleagues from the Urban Planning Institute in Ljubljana and the ISRZ research group for urban sociology



## Domestic projects

### *Research projects funded by the CSF*

During 2018 two research projects of the Croatian Science Foundation (CSF) were conducted at the ISRZ:

**Research project** led by prof. Maja Jokić, Ph.D. ***“Research activity, collaboration and orientation in social sciences in Croatia and other post-socialist European countries (RACOSS)”***;

**Installation project** led by Boris Jokić, Ph.D. ***“Educational aspirations of pupils at transitional periods of Croatian elementary education: nature, determinants and change (COBRAS)”***.

Furthermore, in 2018 Branko Ančić, Ph.D. and Ivana Jugović, Ph.D. participated as individual researchers in the installation project ***“Social stratification in Croatia: structural and subjective aspects (STRAT)”*** led by Karin Doolan, Ph.D. and coordinated by the University of Zadar. Since the beginning of 2018 Branko Ančić, Ph.D. and Anja Gvozdanović, Ph.D. have been members of the project team of the installation project ***“The role of formal education in fostering sustainable development”*** led by Bojana Ćulum, Ph.D. and coordinated by the University of Rijeka. Additionally, since the beginning of 2018 Ana Maskalan, Ph.D. has participated in the installation project ***“Croatian women philosophers in***

***the European context”*** led by Luka Boršić, Ph.D. from the Institute of Philosophy.

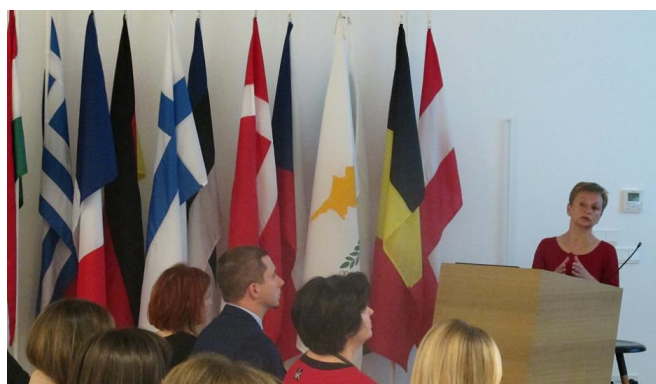
### *Research projects funded by the MSE*

In 2018 five projects were conducted at the ISRZ under the Ministry of Science and Education (MSE) Programme Agreement for multi-year institutional financing of scientific activity (VIF):

- *Initial education of subject teachers: Motivation, identities and socio-emotional learning* – principal investigator: Ivana Jugović, Ph.D.
- *Quality of living of the scientific population in Croatia* – principal investigator: Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac, Ph.D.
- *Social aspects of University of Zagreb students’ study success and leaving higher education* – co-principal investigators: Saša Puzić, Ph.D. and Iva Košutić, Ph.D.
- *The Sociological Profile of the Croatian Political Elite* – principal investigator: prof. Vlasta Ilišin, Ph.D.
- *Urban revitalization process of Ljubljana city center. Comparison with Zagreb city center* – principal investigator Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac, Ph.D.



Third meeting of the Educational Aspirations Network within the CSF project **COBRAS**



Presentation of the CSF project **RACOSS** in the House of Europe

## Other international and domestic projects

In 2018 the ISRZ collaborated as a coordinator or partner on 7 projects with educational organizations, national and/or local authorities, and national or international civil society organizations. These projects are listed in Table 1.

### *Project “Youth Studies in Southeastern Europe 2018. – Croatia”*

The project is part of a large scale comparative survey of youth in ten European countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Macedonia, Romania, Slovenia and Serbia. The research is funded by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES). Starting with contemporary theories about youth, the study aims to detect and analyze attitudes and behaviors of youth

in different spheres of life such as: leisure and free time, values, family, mobility, education, employment, politics and national and European identity. The research in Croatia will include a representative sample of 1500 young people aged 14 to 29. The integral part of the project is the implementation of a two-level comparative analysis. On one hand, the continuity and changes since the first FES and ISRZ study of youth in Croatia (2012) will be detected, and on the other hand some of the most recent Croatian data will be compared with those from other nine Southeastern Europe countries. Recommendations and proposals for quality national and European public policy for youth will be formulated based on scientific and research findings about social status, behavioral patterns, attitudes and values of young people. Principal investigator and project coordinator for ISRZ is Anja Gvozdanović, Ph.D.

**Table 1.** ISRZ projects with educational organizations, national and/or local authorities, and national or international CSOs

Naziv projekta	Nositelj	Partner/i – Suradnik/ci	Financijer/i
Analysis of secondary education conditions and needs related to being informed about higher education choices and study programmes enrollment procedures through the NISpVU system	ISRZ – Centre for Educational Research and Development (CERD)	–	Agency for Science and Higher Education (ASHE)
Evaluation of the Action Cities / Counties Friends of Children from Children's Perspective 2018	ISRZ – Centre for Educational Research and Development (CERD)	–	Cities: Križevci and Mursko Središće
Support for the integration of third country nationals in need of international protection	University of Zagreb Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences	Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies; ISRZ (CERD)	The Croatian Government Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities
Application of ICT in the process of learning, teaching and evaluating in primary and secondary schools in Croatia	ISRZ – Centre for Educational Research and Development (CERD)	–	CARNET
The role of philosophy in shaping reflexive potentials – example of the preschool education profession	University of Zagreb Faculty of Teacher Education	ISRZ – Centre for Youth and Gender Studies	University of Zagreb
Study to review the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the EU – Beijing +25	ICF	Alphametrics Ltd., IDIZ (CORI)	European Institute for Gender Equality
Youth Studies in Southeastern Europe 2018. - Croatia	ISRZ – Centre for Youth and Gender Studies	–	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Zagreb



## Conferences organized by ISRZ

### *International Conference on Migration, Integration and Religion in Early Childhood Educational Institutions*

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia, an *International Conference on Migration, Integration and Religion in Early Childhood Educational Institutions*, organized by the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, the Department for Islamic-Teological Studies of the University of Vienna, in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb was held in Zagreb, from 23<sup>rd</sup> till 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Renowned scholars and participants from a broad spectre of disciplines and interdisciplinary areas coming from 14 countries focused on the questions that are relevant for the development of skills and competences of pre-school institutions, particularly regarding linguistic, cultural and religious diversity. The opening speech was held by Dinka Marinović Jerolimov, Ph.D., Director of the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, prof. Ednan Aslan, Ph.D., Head of the Department for Islamic-Teological Studies of the University of Vienna and prof. Jasminka Lažnjak, Ph.D., from the Department of Sociology of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb. Keynote speeches were given by prof. Vedrana Spajić-Vrkaš, Ph.D., from the Department of Pedagogy of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb and Drago Župarić-Ilić, Ph.D., from the Department of Sociology of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb. The conference was closed with a round table at which the challenges and practices in the early education of refugees and children with migrant background in Croatia were discussed.



International Conference on migration, integration and religion in early childhood education

## *4<sup>th</sup> Days of Educational Sciences*

Scientific conference *4<sup>th</sup> Days of Educational Sciences* was held in Zagreb on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018, and it gathered 150 researchers, educational experts and professionals, students and other interested participants from Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Slovenia and the UK. The topic of this year's conference was *"The Educational System: a Confining and/or Stimulating Environment"*. Within the program the keynote lectures were held by Alistair Ross, Emeritus Professor of Education at London Metropolitan University and Jean Monnet Professor, and Inga Tomić-Koludrović, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar – Centre Split. The program of the conference included a round table addressing the topic of school as a stimulating and/or distorting environment for the health and well-being of children and the young. The topics also included inclusive education, possibilities of educational institutions to provide support to children and students, evaluation of educational process, standardized exams, students' motivation and educational aspirations, STEM learning and teaching, educational policies and (in)equalities and various aspects and challenges of the teaching profession. The conference program also included a symposium "The Development of Teachers' Identity in Croatia" devoted to prof. Vlasta Vizek Vidović, as a remembrance of her distinguished contribution to the development of the teaching profession and the affirmation of educational research in Croatia. Conference proceedings are available [here](#).



4<sup>th</sup> Days of Educational Sciences



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## International cooperation, mobility and study visits

### *Bilateral cooperation between Croatia and Slovenia*

Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac, Ph.D. and Jelena Zlatar Gamberozić, Ph.D. from the ISRZ Urban/Rural and Science Research Centre, with the project associate Sanja Klempić Bogadi from the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, stayed in Ljubljana from 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018, within the bilateral project ***“Urban revitalization process of Ljubljana city center. Comparison with Zagreb city center.”*** led by Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac (Croatia) and Boštjan Kerbler (Slovenia). During their stay they carried out the fieldwork that included focus groups and interviews with professional actors from the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia. Within this project colleagues from the Urban Planning Institute in Ljubljana stayed in Zagreb on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018, where focus groups on urban revitalization and related processes in both cities were conducted in an interdisciplinary team consisting of experts on spatial topics and representatives of the City of Zagreb.

### *Presentation of the Slovene Science Foundation project “The Invisible Life of Waste”*

The ISRZ Centre for Research in Social Inequalities and Sustainability (CRiSIS) organized in September 2018 the presentation of the project ***“The Invisible Life of Waste”***. The project is financed by the Slovene Science Foundation, and it was presented by the Principal Investigator, Slovenian anthropologist Dan Podjed, Ph.D., who is

a professor at the University of Ljubljana and Research Advisor at The Institute of Slovenian Ethnology. By employing an anthropological and ethnographic approach in developing innovations, the aim of the project is to create and design IT solutions in the domain of sustainability and waste management, energy efficiency and, generally, life quality. The fieldwork will be carried out during three years in multiple cities: Ljubljana, Graz, Trieste, Oslo, Dubai and Zagreb.

### *Outgoing mobility*

Within the Erasmus+ mobility project for EU academics and teachers Lana Peternel, Ph.D. stayed at the University of the Basque Country, at the Faculty of Education, Philosophy and Anthropology in San Sebastian in Spain from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018. In collaboration with prof. Nere Amenabar, Ph.D., the University Vice Chancellor, the conditions for inter-institutional collaboration on mutual research topics, such as education and identity, were discussed. Lana Peternel presented the outcomes and experiences from the mobility at the ISRZ on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Marko Kovačić, M.A., stayed from the end of February to the beginning of March 2018 at the Portuguese national agency for managing the Youth in Action program (Agência Nacional para a gestão do programa Juventude em Acção). The purpose of the visit was to learn about Portuguese examples of good practice related to local youth participation. In collaboration with colleague researchers, during the visit the validation of a new model for monitoring local youth participation was completed, and the plan of its dissemination across Europe was foreseen.



Presentation of the SSF project ***“The Invisible Life of Waste”*** at the ISRZ



### Incoming mobility

Prof. Tomaž Deželan, Ph.D., from the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana stayed during 2018 as a visiting research fellow in youth studies at the University of Rijeka and at the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb. He was also a lecturer in the *Youth in contemporary society* lifelong learning programme.

### Acknowledgements and doctorates

The Croatian Psychological Association awarded Ivana Jugović, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate at the ISRZ Centre for Educational Research and Development, the "Marulić: Fiat psychologia" Acknowledgement, for distinctively valuable contribution to the development and promotion of applied psychology in Croatia. This Acknowledgement was awarded to our colleague at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Croatian Psychologists held in Sv. Martin na Muri on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Jelena Matić Bojić, Ph.D., earned her doctorate from the Department of Psychology at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb with the thesis *"The association between personality, cognitive ability and proneness to prejudice towards different social groups"*.

Josip Šabić earned his doctorate from the Department of Psychology at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb with the thesis *"Confirmatory approach in examining gender differences in mathematical problem-solving performance"*.



Ivana Jugović, Ph.D. received the "Marulić: Fiat psychologia" award

### Events (co)organized by the Institute

#### *Promotion of the book "Generation of disillusioned youth in Croatia at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century"*

The promotion of the book *"Generacija osujećenih. Mladi u Hrvatskoj na početku 21. stoljeća [Generation of disillusioned youth in Croatia at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century]"* was held in the Bogdan Ogrizović Library in Zagreb on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018. It gathered many professionals and the broader public. Attendees were welcomed by Dinka Marinović Jerolimov, Ph.D., Director of the ISRZ, and Mirjana Adamović, Ph.D. Editor-in-chief of the ISRZ Edition "Science and Society". The book was presented by reviewers prof. Vjeran Katunarić and prof. Dražen Lalić, and co-editors and co-authors of the publication prof. Vedrana Spajić Vrkaš and prof. Vlasta Ilišin. Based on the results of a 2013 research of youth between 15 and 29, conducted on the territory of the entire Republic of Croatia and the comparisons with some previous research, the book offers a comprehensive insight into the sociological profile of youth in the contemporary Croatian society, perhaps best delineated and reflected in the choice of the title. Full text (in Croatian) is available [here](#).



Presentation of the book *"Generation of disillusioned youth in Croatia at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century"*



### *Press conference “Why are the young leaving Croatia?”*

At the press conference *“Why are the young leaving Croatia?”*, held in the premises of the Croatian Journalists’ Association on 13th March 2018, the results of the research *“Migration experience and planned departures of the Croatian youth”* were presented by two ISRZ researchers who conducted the research, Dunja Potočnik, Ph.D. and Mirjana Adamović, Ph.D. The research was initiated and funded by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. Generally, the young were unwilling or indecisive about emigration, and indicated that the contentment with the present life, family attachment, (local)patriotism and perceived difficulties with moving away were the factors that contributed to such an attitude. On the other hand, the young prone to moving away and staying abroad longer pointed out the reasons varying from the influence of friends who had already left, education, employment, through the general dissatisfaction with life in Croatia, to political reasons. As the primary consequence of living abroad they pointed out living in a more regulated country, where their education and work would be appreciated adequately.

### *Public debate on the status and role of journals from the domain of social sciences*

A public debate on the status and role of journals from the domain of social sciences was held in the House of Europe on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The debate was organized within the project *“Research activity, collaboration and orientation in social sciences in Croatia and other post-socialist European countries (RACOSS)”*, financed by the Croatian Science Foundation and led by prof. Maja Jokić. The purpose of the event was to inform the scientific and academic public about the status and scientific recognition of journals from the domain of social sciences in Croatia and other European post-socialist countries, with a focus on the possibility of greater visibility and recognition in the international context. The public debate shed the light on the issues of publishing and evaluation of scientific work, i.e. the advancement of social scientists, as an integral part of scientific policy.

### *Closing lecture of the program “Youth in contemporary society”*

On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka the closing lecture of the lifelong learning program *Youth in contemporary society* was held. The program was initiated jointly by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka and the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb in the academic year 2017/18. This is the first and only program in Croatia that deals with the education of youth workers. The lecture was attended by Antonija Gladović, Director of the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes and her colleague Katarina Brajdić, who explained how the knowledge and skills acquired in this program can be applied. The ISRZ researchers who participated in the program implementation are: Marko Kovačić, M.A., Nikola Baketa, Ph.D., Dunja Potočnik, Ph.D., Ana Maskalan, Ph.D., Anja Gvozdanović, Ph.D. and prof. Vlasta Ilišin, Ph.D. More about the program can be found [here](#).



Closing lecture of the program “Youth in contemporary society”

### *Presentation of the research project on students’ expectations and aspirations regarding the continuation of education held in ASHE*

On 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 the results of the research project *“Analysis of secondary education conditions and needs related to being informed about higher education choices and study programmes enrollment procedures through the NISpVU system”* were presented in the Agency for Science and Higher Education (ASHE). The project was carried out as part of the ESF project *“SKA-ZVO – Unapređenje sustava osiguravanja i unapređenje kvalitete visokog obrazovanja”* coordinated by the ASHE. The main aim was to explore students’ expectations and aspirations regarding the continuation of edu-

cation and/or entering the labour market. Furthermore, the aim was to analyse the conditions and needs in high school education system related to being informed about higher education enrollment procedures, to define the factors affecting the selection of study programs and to determine the level of being informed about the system of the Matura exams and entering higher education (NISpVU). Also, the perception of future and the perspective of youth in Croatia, and their opinion on the worthiness of education were examined. 59 Croatian schools were involved in the research with a total of 13,301 participants. The ISRZ research team were: Boris Jokić, Ph.D., Zrinka Ristić Dedić, Ph.D., Iva Košutić, Ph.D., Josip Šabić, Ph.D., Iris Marušić, Ph.D., Saša Puzić, Ph.D., Marko Kovačić, M.A., Nikola Baketa, Ph.D., Ankica Trogrlić Matić, Iva Perković and Ivana Jugović, Ph.D.

### *European Researchers' Night 2018*

The European Researchers' Night was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 simultaneously in 4 Croatian university cities: Zagreb, Rijeka, Split and Pula. It is estimated that a total of 18,000 citizens visited the event. Croatian researchers had desks with interactive content on the cities' public areas, intended for informing the younger population and the broader public about the work of scientists. Hands-on experiments and workshops were performed with the intention of bringing the work of scientists closer to the target groups and instigating their reflexion on the role of science in everyday life. The organization of the European Researchers' Night is the main activity of the *"Techno-Past Techno-Future; European Researchers' Night"* project, which is funded under the EU Framework Program for Research and Innovation 2014 – 2020 – Horizon 2020. In 2019 the ISRZ will also participate in the European Researchers' Night along with other partner institutions, and this year's event will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### *Presentation of the EU project "Equal rights – Equal pay – Equal pensions" in the Croatian Parliament*

The presentation of the EU project *"Equal rights – Equal pay – Equal pensions"* was held in the Croatian Parliament on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Project coordinator is the Ombudsperson for Gender Equality of the Republic of

Croatia, and the partners are ISRZ, CESI – Centre for Education, Counselling and Research, Retired Persons' Trade Union of Croatia (SUH) and Institute for the Equality of Women and Men (Belgium). The project is also supported by the Ministry of Labour and Pension System, the Ministry of Science and Education, the Ministry of Public Administration and the Croatian Bureau of Statistics. The aim of the project is to ensure the standards, measures and actions that will contribute to raising awareness about the problem of pay and pension gaps between men and women with a view to reducing the risk of poverty for women. The role of the ISRZ includes the design and coordination of in-depth national research within the project.

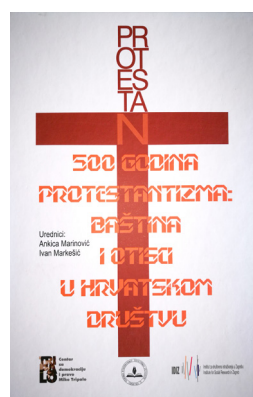
## **Publishing**

In 2018 the total scientific production of the Institute included 1 scientific book (edited) and 19 scientific papers (11 scientific articles and 8 scientific chapters), of which 14 papers were published in journals or books indexed in the Web of Science and/or Scopus, and 5 chapters were published in reviewed books.

The ISRZ is the publisher of the "Science and Society" Edition and the "Special Editions", and the scientific journal "Sociology and Space".

### *Special Editions*

In 2018 the following book was published in the "Special Editions":

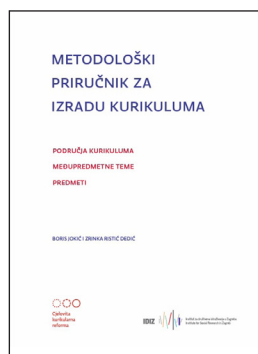


**500 godina protestantizma: baština i otisci u hrvatskom društvu. [500 years of Protestantism: Heritage and Imprint in the Croatian Society]**

/ ed. Ankica Marinović and Ivan Markešić. – Zagreb: Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, Centre for Democracy and Law Miko Tripalo; Osijek: Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2018.

## Handbook

In 2018 the following handbook was added to the ISRZ web-site:



Jokić, Boris; Ristić Dedić, Zrinka. **Metodološki priručnik za izradu kurikuluma: područja kurikuluma, međupredmetne teme, predmeti.** [Methodological handbook for curriculum design: areas of curriculum, inter-subject topics, subjects] Zagreb: Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, 2018.

## Journal "Sociology and Space"

In three regular yearly numbers of the "Sociology and Space" journal for 2018, a total of 6 original scientific papers, 4 preliminary communications, 2 review articles, and 5 reviews of books and publications were published. The journal is available at the [Institute's web](#) and at [Hrčak](#).

## Other achievements of the ISRZ

### AAI@EduHr Certificate

The AAI@EduHr system is an infrastructure for authentication and authorization of the scientific and higher education system in Croatia. Every organization from the Croatian Ministry of Science and education system that is included in the AAI@EduHr system has its own data base in which electronic identities of the users from that organization are deposited. This year it has been the

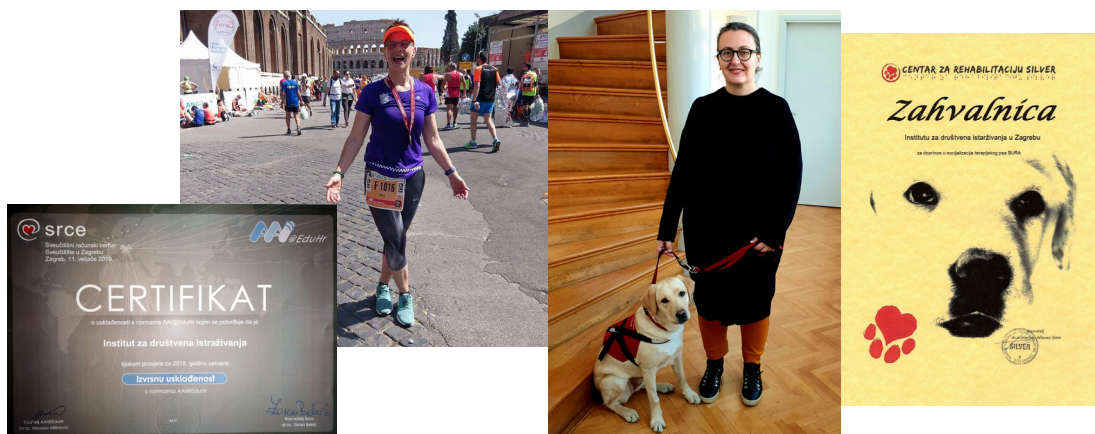
6<sup>th</sup> time in a row that the ISRZ received the certificate that testifies an excellent level of its compliance with the AAI@EduHr norms. The certificate is awarded by the University of Zagreb Computing Centre Srce.

### ISRZ runs

The proof that the ISRZ staff do not only strive towards scientific and academic achievements, but also the ones in sports, is our colleague Iris Marušić, Scientific Advisor from the ISRZ Centre for Educational Research and Development, who successfully ran the Rome International Marathon in 2018. Apart from that, she motivated colleagues Iva Košutić and Boris Jokić, who joined her in the Zagrebački noćni cener run, held in November 2018. Congratulations!

### ISRZ helps

The Centre for rehabilitation Silver awarded the Certificate of Appreciation to the ISRZ in 2018 for the contribution to the socialization of the therapy dog Bura. Zrinka Ristić Dedić was the socializator of Bura the labrador from December 2016 to June 2018, after which the dog passed the exam for assistance dog and started a new life. We are proud that we were able to provide Bura a stimulating environment for her development and help her train for her important role. We believe that she is happy, loved and successful in her noble mission. Meanwhile, a new future assistance dog from the Centre Silver came to the Institute: this time it is Nya the labrador, who, just as her predecessor Bura, comes with her socializator to her work place at the ISRZ Centre for Educational Research and Development every day, where she will stay until the moment she goes to school.





## International conference presentations in 2018

In 2018 we participated in 38 international scientific conferences in Croatia or abroad, which is presented in Map 1.

Amsterdam  
 Athens  
 Beograd  
 Bolzano, Italy  
 Bratislava  
 Bruxelles  
 Bucharest  
 Cascais, Portugal  
 Doha, Qatar  
 Dubrovnik  
 Groeningen  
 Kishinev  
 Komiža

Ljubljana  
 Madrid  
 Marseille  
 Motovun  
 Oulu, Finland  
 Pariz  
 Beijing  
 Philadelphia  
 Piran  
 Plymouth, UK  
 Szeged, Hungary  
 Tirana  
 Toronto  
 Valletta  
 Varaždin  
 Warsaw  
 Zagreb  
 Zlatibor, Serbia

Map 1. International conference presentations in 2018



## Everyday life at the Institute...



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