

# Newsletter

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## Editorial

This year also we bring you an overview of our activities in the previous year 2019. We are delighted to inform you that we continued, finished or began working on 37 national or international projects financed by the Croatian Science Foundation, Ministry of Science and Education, European Commission (programs *Horizon 2020*, *Rights, Equality and Citizenship (2014-2020)*, *Erasmus +*), and various public administration bodies. Our researchers presented their papers at 52 international conferences held in Croatia or abroad. The Institute co-organized the international conference **“Transforming Sustainability”**, together with the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, the Institute of Slovenian Ethnology, and the Anton Melik Geographical Institute. We also participated in the organization of the symposium **“Beauvoir between Philosophy, History and Writing the Self”**, in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana and the City of Women Association for Promotion of Women in Culture from Ljubljana. We organized the **final conference of the CSF project COBRAS** titled **“Education as an Aim, Aspiration, Hope”** and the conference **“Being mainstream, being radical: how do young people understand radicalism in Croatia?”**, in collaboration with the GOOD initiative. Furthermore, we were the co-organizers of the 7<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Croatian Sociological Association titled **“Social Cohesion in the Society of Polarisation, Conflicts and Inequalities”**.

Our researchers improved their knowledge and skills abroad, through study visits (Ireland) and methodological workshops (Luxembourg, Great Britain, Slovenia, Sweden). Within the Marie Skłodowska Curie project

**“Normalizing a Difficult Past? Cultural Trauma and Collective Memory in Austria and Croatia”** the Institute hosted Ana Ljubojević, PhD from the University of Graz as a visiting researcher.

Besides publishing in journals and books indexed in Web of Science and/or Scopus, and other internationally relevant bases or reviewed books, we published the book **“Kompetencija Učiti kako učiti: teorijske osnove i istraživanja u hrvatskom kontekstu”** [The learning to learn competence: theoretical foundations and research in the Croatian context] in our **Science and Society Edition**.

In the beginning of 2019 the new Editorial Board of the journal **Sociology and Space** was appointed for a four-year mandate. In addition, the current broader Editorial Board was extended with associates from the Institute’s research centres. Three regular yearly numbers of the journal were published, and are available at the [Institute’s web-pages](#) and [Hrčak](#).

Our researchers continued with their engagement in higher education teaching at the Universities of Zagreb, Split and Rijeka, the Zagreb University of Applied Sciences, and the Universities of Ljubljana and Belgrade.

Our existing successful collaboration with institutes and universities in Croatia and abroad, with CSOs and public administration bodies shall be continued in the forthcoming period by submitting competitive research projects, publishing scientific papers in prominent international and national journals and publications, and by presenting our research results to the academic, professional and broader public, in line with our mission and vision.

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## International projects

In 2019 the Institute conducted a total of 37 research projects, of which 16 were competitive international projects financed by the EU programmes *Horizon 2020*, *Unity Through Knowledge Fund*, *Rights, Equality and Citizenship (2014-2020)*, *Erasmus +*, *IPA* or others, and by the programme of bilateral cooperation of the Ministry of Science and Education.

### *Horizon2020*

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

The main aim of the European Researchers’ Night is to bring the work of scientists closer to the broader public, and increase awareness on the importance of the influence of scientific research and the work of scientists on citizens’ everyday life. The project encourages the young to choose science as their career, by enabling them to directly experience scientific research experiments, workshops, quizzes and similar activities. In 2018 and 2019 the project was carried out by as many as 18 Croatian institutions, coordinated by the Ministry of Science and Education. The main event of the European Researchers’ Night was held in five cities: Zagreb, Split, Rijeka, Osijek and Pula on the last Friday of September in both years. The Institute participated in all project activities, and conducted a study on visitors’ attitudes towards science, and the impact that the event had among the target population and the broader audience. As expected, visitors of the European Researchers’ Night showed greater interest for scientific topics, compared to the general population, and expressed a wish for more similar events. More information about the project can be found [here](#).

#### *Unity Through Knowledge Fund (UKF) - Gaining Experience Grant*

#### *Project “Anthropological research of minority religions in historical archives in Croatia”*

This project is financed by the Unity Through Knowledge Fund (UKF), and is focused on the research into historical archive documents of religious communities from an anthropological perspective. The aim of the project is to contribute to new knowledge on various circumstances

that shape the cultural heritage of minority and marginal religious communities in Croatia. The studies of minority religions in archives contribute to the understanding of the social position of various marginal communities, and their traditional cultural specificities. However, the research into archive materials enables a broader understanding of dominant and hidden social processes that we are exposed to nowadays. Theoretically, this project is based on cultural-anthropological, sociological and historical perspectives, while also integrating innovative technology in presenting results in a digital form. The members of the project research team are Lana Peternel (Principal Investigator) and Ankica Marinović from the Centre for Research in Social Inequalities and Sustainability, Jana Žiljak Gršić from the IT Design Study of the University of Applied Sciences in Zagreb, and Filip Škiljan from the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies. Tana Morić is a project administrator. The research-analytical approach was developed through collaboration with the project co-Principal Investigator, Dr. James Kapalo. James Kapalo is employed at the Study of Religions Department of the University of Cork. He is an expert in the area of ethnoreligious and minority communities in Mid and Eastern Europe. To respond to the set goals, the project team analysed and then digitalized over 200 documents and archive materials (photography, letters, journals) from local, currently underexplored minority religious communities, through the perspective of their cultural production and agency. The project was presented in June this year in the Mimara Museum, by Dinka Marinović Jerolimov, Director of the Institute, Branko Ančić, Head of the Centre for Research into Social Inequalities and Sustainability, and the members of the project research team Ankica Marinović, Filip Škiljan, Jana Žiljak Gršić and Lana Peternel (Principal Investigator).



Presentation of the UKF project held in Mimara Museum in June 2019

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

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

The problem of inequalities in pays and pensions between women and men is the main topic of the project **“Equal rights – Equal pay – Equal pensions” – Expanding the scope of implementation of gender equality actions and legal standards towards achieving gender equality and combating poverty in Croatia**. The aim of the project is to provide standards, measures and actions for raising awareness on this problem, to contribute to the reduction of the risk of poverty among women. The project has been implemented since 2018 with the financial support of the EU program **Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC)**. The project coordinator is the Croatian Ombudsperson for Gender Equality, and the partners are Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, CESI – Centre for Education, Counselling and Research, Retired Persons’ Trade Union of Croatia (SUH), 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.

### Erasmus +

### Project “Supporting Evidence-based Education of Youth Workers (SEEW)”

The project is carried out collaboratively by the Institute, University of Rijeka and University of Ljubljana. The project’s aim is to strengthen capacities of youth workers, and on the long run contribute to the quality of youth work in the countries included in the project (Croatia and Slovenia). Existing research and recommendations for youth policies, both at the national and EU level, pointed to the need for quality education of this type of professionals as the key precondition of achieving youth work quality. The project objectives include the development of the proposal for the occupation and qualification standard for the profession of youth worker, development of the lifelong learning curriculum and the higher education curriculum for youth work professionals. Project’s co-Principal Investigators are Nikola Baketa, PhD and Marko Kovačić, PhD.



Josip Šipić and the *Equal rights – Equal pay – Equal pensions* project team presented the project results at a press conference held on the International Equal Pay Day, on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019



Marita Grubišić-Čabo presented the *SEEW* project at the international TCA training crossover for Erasmus + K2 activities held in Biograd na Moru

### *Project “Innovate debate: applied curriculum for debate based youth work”*

Through a focus on critical thinking, civic activity, volunteering and youth work and the use of non-formal debate methods, the project will increase the learning outcomes and competences, and empower young people for participation and inclusion. The main objectives of this project are to promote, professionalize and increase the quality of youth work within partner organizations and across the sector; increase the use of debate methodology with the aim of fostering civic engagement, equality, and inclusion; and to develop the use of multilingual, open source digital learning materials. When it comes to applying debate in civic activism or societal transformation, there are almost no studies in Eastern Europe and very few in EU member states in general. The study proposed in this project will answer to this need through assessing existing approaches to debate and critical thinking available to students in participating countries (Slovenia, Poland, Netherlands, Slovakia and Croatia). Project’s Principal Investigator is Nikola Baketa, PhD.

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

The emphasis of the **“Hand in Hand”** project is on the development and implementation of an innovative programme for the development of socio-emotional and intercultural (SEI) competences in elementary schools, whereby the competences of school principals, teachers, pupils and school staff are developed simultaneously. This is why the project subtitle includes “A whole school approach”. The given competences have been developed for some time in educational systems of Scandinavian countries (e.g. Denmark and Sweden, which are included in the project). It has been shown that these competences are extremely important in achieving a more positive and inclusive school climate, and are related to a number of positive outcomes, such as a better school success, higher quality of communication between pupils and teachers, and the reduction of undesirable and aggressive behaviour. The project involves seven partner institutions from five countries: Slovenia, Denmark, Croatia, Germany and Sweden, led by the Educational Research Institute, Ljubljana, Slove-

nia. Principal Investigator and Project Coordinator for the Institute is Iris Marušić, PhD.



Members of the project consortium within the **Hand in Hand** project meeting held at Mid Sweden University. ISRSZ researchers: Iris Marušić, Iva Odak, Ivana Jugović and Mirta Mornar



Ivana Jugović and Iris Marušić held a **Hand in Hand** workshop for teachers at the Europe House in Zagreb

### *Project “Support to better knowledge in youth policy”*

The **“Support to better knowledge in youth policy – Youth Wiki Croatia”** project is focused on establishing a codified system of national youth policy monitoring. The European Commission set as one of its priorities within the youth policy framework the launching of Youth Wiki, an online encyclopedia of all Member States’ national youth policies. Therefore, the objective of this project is to collect, systematize and analyze data clustered into nine subfields of European youth policy. The members of the research team analyzed overall youth policy in Croatia using the given European methodology and wrote a report, to serve as a national report on youth policy at the EU level. The Institute is the coordinator of the project, and the Institute’s Centre for Youth and Gender Studies has, by implementing this project, become a focal point for national youth policy monitoring. The Principal Investigator and Project Coordinator is Marko Kovačić, PhD.

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

The most crucial aim of the event **“EUROPE GOES LOCAL – Supporting Youth Work at the Municipal Level”**, within the project of the same title, is to identify and discuss various challenges that youth work is facing at the local level. The first phase of the project ended in 2019. Within the first phase, the research team analyzed outcomes of local youth policies in included local and regional self-government units. In September 2019 the second phase of the project began, within which 21 new cities, municipalities and counties were selected for collaboration within the project. The project is coordinated by the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes, and the role of the Institute is to provide the mapping of local youth work, disseminate research results and participate in conferences on youth work at the local level. Principal Investigator and Project Coordinator for the Institute is Marko Kovačić.

#### *IPA projects*

### *Project “Divided Past – Joint Future”*

The project was carried out from 2016 till the end of 2019, with the aim of building an infrastructure for an effective process of reconciliation in the Western Balkan and Turkey. Within the **“Divided Past – Joint Future”** project, the research team conducted qualitative research in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Albania and Turkey. The project’s focus was on examining opinions and attitudes of citizens, representatives of public, private and civil sector on peace building and reconciliation, and the role of civil sector in these processes in the given countries. In line with the project’s general objectives, the empirical research aimed to ascertain the opinions and attitudes of representatives of four sectors regarding peace building and the reconciliation process in seven countries. The aim was to answer two specific research questions: what is the nature of the relationship of research participants towards the process of reconciliation and its advancement in a specific country and region, and how do research participants assess and perceive the role of civil society in the process of reconciliation and peace building in a particular country and region. Given that one of the main project objectives was the establishment of a Regional Social Labora-

tory for Peace and Reconciliation, the research was partly focused on the reception of the idea of establishing an intersectoral collaboration. Principal Investigator for the Institute is Anja Gvozdanović, PhD.

### *International Social Survey Programme – ISSP*

ISSP is a continuous international project in which a network of institutions from 48 countries collaborates on questionnaire surveys of different aspects of social life. The Institute has been the Croatian representative in this longest running global project in the domain of social sciences since 2005 (when Croatia accessed the project). Each member country upon accession took the obligation to regularly conduct a survey on a nationally representative sample of adults, finance it independently, submit data into the mutual data base in the Gesis Leibniz Institute in Cologne in accordance with strictly defined rules, and participate in annual project meetings. Each year the research is conducted on another topic (social inequalities, national identity, religion, health, work orientations, role of government, environment, sports and leisure time, family and changing gender roles, social networks), with topics being repeated in a time span of 8 to 10 years. Up to now, some topics have been repeated four times already. The comparative and longitudinal dimension, and the broad scope of research topics within this project enable acquiring scientific knowledge and insights into sociostructural and sociocultural changes in the Croatian society and globally, and an insight into the position and differences of the Croatian society in the international context, with a more in-depth and broader explaining and understanding of a spectrum of social phenomena. Furthermore, all researchers at the Institute are allowed to join the project working on their topics of interest, and an exclusive right to use comparative (and national) research data in the period within two years prior to their public announcement. The reputation of the project is assured worldwide by recognizing high quality methodology employed in papers submitted to international journals, enhancing the excellence of research production. By involving researchers from other institutions and countries in our publications (e.g. [proceedings on sustainability](#)) we achieve one of the ISSP objectives and give a good example of collaboration, while becoming more visible in the international and Croatian scientific community. In 2019 a question-

naire survey was conducted on a nationally representative sample of adults in Croatia (N=1000) for the Social Inequalities Module. The data base was prepared, edited and translated into English and then submitted to the Gesis Leibnitz Institute in Cologne. Principal Investigator for the Institute is Dinka Marinović Jerolimov, PhD.

### *Bilateral cooperation between Croatia and Slovenia*

#### *Project "Urban revitalization process in Ljubljana city center (in comparison with Zagreb city center)"*

The project was carried out during 2018 and 2019 jointly by the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb and the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia. It was based on the research of the example of the Ljubljana example of urban revitalization, with the aim of better knowing their methodology of work and examples of good practice, so that Zagreb could follow a similar developmental path more easily and swiftly. Based on the acquired data on advances and weaknesses of the Ljubljana revitalization process and the analysis of data from semi-structured interviews and/or focus groups, and based on knowing the existing spatial and social development of Zagreb, which Slovenian researchers were introduced with while visiting locations in Zagreb within the field study, a joint data base was formed as a basis for the comparative scientific analysis. Furthermore, in 2019 multiple work meetings were held in Zagreb and Ljubljana in which the survey was finalized and the plan of publishing scientific papers resulting from the project was drafted. Principal Investigator for Croatia is Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac, PhD and for Slovenia Boštjan Kerbler, PhD (Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia).



Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac and Jelena Zlatar Gamberožić at the partner meeting with Slovenian colleagues – collaborators on the bilateral project *Urban revitalization process in Ljubljana and Zagreb city centers*

#### *Project "Comparison of national and religious identities of secondary school students in Croatia and Slovenia"*

The project will be conducted at the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, in collaboration with the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana. This project is a self-standing research study based on a qualitative sociological and anthropological insight into diverse identities of secondary school pupils in Croatia and Slovenia. The project builds on the initially comparative quantitative data of the international research project *International Social Survey Programme (ISSP)*. Principal Investigator for the Croatian team is Lana Peternel, PhD, and for the Slovenian Tamara Pavasović Trošt, PhD (School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana).

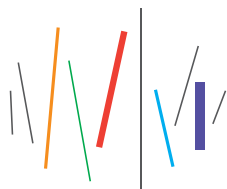


Jelena Zlatar Gamberožić presented the paper on urban revitalization of the Zagreb and Ljubljana city centre at the conference *Prelog's Heritage Today II* held in Poreč

### **National projects**

#### *Research projects funded by the CSF*

In 2019 the installation project **"Integration and disintegration of the European Union: Dynamics of Europeanism and Euroscepticism (IDEU)"** was approved for financing, with Nikola Petrović, PhD as Principal Investigator. The project begins in February 2020.



Two Institute's projects financed by the Croatian Science Foundation finished in 2019:

**Research project** – Principal Investigator prof. Maja Jokić, PhD *“Research activity, collaboration and orientation in social sciences in Croatia and other post-socialist European countries (RACOSS)”*;

**Installation project** – Principal Investigator Boris Jokić, PhD *“Educational aspirations of pupils at transitional periods of Croatian elementary education: nature, determinants and change (COBRAS)”*.

Furthermore, in 2019 our **individual researchers joined CSF projects coordinated by other institutions:**

Research project *“Regulation of prostitution in Croatia (ProReg)”* – Principal Investigator: Ivana Radačić, PhD (Institute “Ivo Pilar”); team members from the Institute: Mirjana Adamović, PhD, Josip Šipić and Nikola Baketa, PhD;

Installation project *“Socio-ecological challenges of rural development: objective and subjective indicators of resilience of Croatian rural socio-ecological systems”* – Principal Investigator: Tijana Trako Poljak, PhD; team member from the Institute: Jelena Zlatar Gamberožić, PhD;

and **continued** their previously established **individual collaboration on** the following **CSF projects:**

Installation project *“Social stratification in Croatia: structural and subjective aspects (STRAT)”* – Principal Investigator: Karin Doolan, PhD (University of Zadar); team members from the Institute: Branko Ančić, PhD and Ivana Jugović, PhD;

Installation project *“Formal education in fostering sustainable development (FoROR)”* – Principal Investigator: Bojana Ćulum Ilić, PhD (University of Rijeka); team members from the Institute: Branko Ančić, PhD and Anja Gvozdanović, PhD;

Installation project *“Croatian women philosophers in the European context”* – Principal Investigator: Luka Boršić, PhD (Institute of Philosophy); team member from the Institute: Ana Maskalan, PhD.

## Research projects funded by the MSE

In 2019 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, PhD;
- **Comparison of determinants of tourism development in Povlja, a settlement on the island of Brač, in 2009 and 2019** – principal investigator: Jelena Zlatar Gamberožić, PhD
- **The continuation of the project “Educational aspirations of pupils at transitional periods of Croatian elementary education: nature, determinants and change (COBRAS)”** – principal investigators: Boris Jokić, PhD and Zrinka Ristić Dedić, PhD
- **Evaluation of the projects financed by Croatian Science Foundation: scientometric approach** – principal investigator: prof. Maja Jokić, PhD
- **Social aspects of study success and drop-out among students of the University of Zagreb** – principal investigators: Saša Puzić, PhD and Iva Odak, PhD;

## Other national and international projects

During 2019, the Institute participated as a coordinator or partner on nine projects in which we collaborated with educational organizations, national and/or local authorities, and national or international civil society organizations. These projects are listed in Table 1.

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

Project title	Coordinator	Partner/s – Collaborator/s	Funded by
Development of a study on the social dimension of higher education in Croatia	ISRZ (CERD)	-	Croatian Ministry of Science and Education
Evaluation of the Action Cities / Counties Friends of Children from Children's Perspective in 2019	ISRZ (CERD)	-	Cities (Ivanić Grad, Slatina and Sveta Nedjelja) and municipalities Vižinada and Viškovo
Philosophical Legacy of Milan Polić	Faculty of Teacher Education University of Zagreb	ISRZ (CYGS)	University of Zagreb
The Role of Philosophy in Shaping Reflexive Potentials – Example of Early-childhood Teaching Profession	Faculty of Teacher Education University of Zagreb	ISRZ (CYGS)	University of Zagreb
Youth Studies in Southeastern Europe 2018. - Croatia	ISRZ (CYGS)	-	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Zagreb
Juggling Motherhood and Profession (JUMP)	Ufficio Pio della Compagnia di San Paolo	CESI, ISRZ (CYGS) etc.	Erasmus+
Professional Socialization of Junior Scientists into Teaching (PROSO)	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences University of Rijeka	ISRZ (CRISIS)	University of Rijeka
Academic Profession in Knowledge Society (APIKS)	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences University of Rijeka	ISRZ (CRISIS)	University of Rijeka
'School Strike 4 Climate Croatia': Ecological Attitudes and Activism of High School Pupils in Zagreb	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences University of Zagreb	ISRZ (URSRC)	University of Zagreb



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

The project was finished in 2019, as a part of a large comparative research of youth in 10 countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Romania, Slovenia and Serbia. Building on contemporary youth theories, the aim was to examine and analyse the attitudes and behaviours of youth in various life domains, such as: leisure time, values, family, mobility, education, employment, politics, and national and European identity. The project resulted with the research report “**Youth Study Croatia 2018/2019**”, which was presented to the experts and the interested public on multiple occasions at the regional and local level. The project Principal Investigator is Anja Gvozdanović, PhD (replaced by Mirjana Adamović, PhD).

## Conferences organized by ISRZ

### International conference “Transforming Sustainability”

The international “**Transforming Sustainability**” conference was held in September 2019 at the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Ljubljana. It gathered researchers whose focus is on reflecting on the meaning and relevance of sustainability in the context of current sociocultural, economic and

ecological problems. The participants were seeking answers to the questions of how people view sustainability as a global trend, personal attitude and strategy of survival, reflecting on a lack of common perspective as a hindrance for future social and cultural transformations. Their focus was on questioning whether sustainability could be defined as a dominant term for universal social development or its meaning should be transformed and adapted to new social, cultural and economic dilemmas. Furthermore, whether sustainable lifestyle and practices such as recycling, production of organic food and responsible use of energy could really improve our health and subjective well-being. The answers to these questions were theoretically and analytically approached by two recent developmental models: green economy and degrowth. Special emphasis was put on mobility, energy consumption, waste management, agriculture and organic food production, as well as other human activities and practices that significantly influence the planet and the well-being of existing and future societies. The conference was (co)organized by the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, the Institute of Slovenian Ethnology, the Anton Melik Geographical Institute, and the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb. The conference is a result of the project “**Invisible Life of Waste / Nevidno življenje odpadkov**” led by Dan Podjed, PhD and financed by the Slovenian Research Agency.



Nikola Baketa and Marko Kovačić presented the FES *Youth Study Croatia 2018/2019* at University North



International conference *Transforming Sustainability* held in Ljubljana

## *International conferences dedicated to the legacy of Simone de Beauvoir*

In 2019 the Institute joined the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University of Ljubljana by participating in the organization of two scientific conferences. Thus, the scientific symposium **“Beauvoir between Philosophy, History and Writing the Self II: Actual Marx – Althusser, Beauvoir, Deleuze and Guattari”**, co-organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Ljubljana and the Institute, was held from 6<sup>th</sup> till 8<sup>th</sup> May. Ana Maskalan, PhD was a member of the Conference Scientific Committee. Furthermore, on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 the scientific symposium **“Beauvoir Between History, Philosophy And Writing The Self III”** was held, and it included the round table titled **“Who is afraid of (the second/other) sex?”** and the conference **“The Second Sex and »us«**. The symposium was organized by the City of Women Association for Promotion of Women in Culture from Ljubljana, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Ljubljana and the Institute.

## **International cooperation, mobility and study visits**

### *Establishment of Regional Network for Religious Studies*

Dinka Marinović Jerolimov, PhD, prof. Ankica Marinović, PhD and Lana Peternel, PhD participated in the Founding Assembly of the Regional Network for Religious Studies (RRM) that was held in the University of Ljubljana Rectorate, on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The Network was established with the aim to connect researchers from the region, dedicated to scientific, objective, neutral, critical, analytical and cross-cultural studying of religion(s). It encompasses researchers from Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo and North Macedonia. Annual meetings of Network members will be focused on discussions on various aspects of religion(s) and churches at round tables, and particularly on promoting junior researchers focused on studying religion. At the panel titled “Young Religiology” held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 the participants commented on four synopses of doctoral theses presented by students of the doctoral study programme of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sci-

ences of the University of Ljubljana. After the reception in the Mayor’s Office in Ljubljana, a round table was held in the City Assembly, problematizing religious changes in the mentioned countries of the region.



Dinka Marinović Jerolimov, Ankica Marinović and Lana Peternel at the Founding Assembly of the Regional Network for Religious Studies

### *Participation of Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac at the international conference “Postsocialist transformation of the city”*

Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac, PhD participated at the international scientific conference **“Postsocialist transformation of the city”** organized by the Department of Sociology of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Novi Sad, from 12 till 13 November 2019. The conference was held on the occasion of celebrating a ten-year anniversary of publishing the book “Grad bez lica” [A City without a Face], whose author is prof. Ljubinko Pušić, PhD, former full professor of Urban Sociology at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Novi Sad and a long-standing collaborator of the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb. Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac was a member of the conference Programme Committee and invited participant of the panel dedicated to the professor and his book.



Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac at the international conference *Post-socialist transformation of the city*, held in Novi Sad

## Outgoing mobility

Lana Peternel, PhD was staying at the host institution University College Cork, College of Arts Religious Studies Department from 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 till 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019. Her host was James Alexander Kapalo, PhD. The mobility was part of the UKF project **“Anthropological research of minority religions in historical archives in Croatia”**.

## Incoming mobility

Ana Ljubojević, PhD from the University of Graz is staying at the Institute’s Centre for Youth and Gender Studies from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Her host is prof. Vlasta Ilišin, PhD, and the mobility is part of the Marie Skłodowska Curie project **“Normalizing a Difficult Past? Cultural Trauma and Collective Memory in Austria and Croatia”**.



Tana Morić, project administrator of the UKF project **Anthropological research of minority religions in historical archives in Croatia** exchanged experiences with colleague Siobhan O’Brien from University College Cork

## Acknowledgements

Marija Brajdić Vuković, PhD was awarded as Woman Scientist of the Month, which is awarded monthly, by the European Platform of Women Scientists (EPWS) to European women of various ages and disciplines, recognized by the scientific community for their achievements, who are also concerned with the gender-equality goals of EPWS. They are true role models and a source of inspiration for future achievements of other women scientists. On the occasion, the EPWS brought an interview with Marija Brajdić Vuković, which you can read [here](#).



Marija Brajdić Vuković was awarded as *Woman Scientist of the Month* for December 2019

## Events (co)organized by the Institute

### Final conference of the project COBRAS

In the period between February 2016 and February 2019, the Institute conducted an installation research project titled **“Educational aspirations of pupils at transitional periods of Croatian elementary education: nature, determinants and change (COBRAS)”**, financed by the Croatian Science Foundation. Within two school years, the research encompassed 28 elementary schools in Zagreb, and more than 2,700 pupils, parents and teachers. The research is the first systematic attempt of longitudinal research of this topic in Croatia and this part of Europe. The final project conference was held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Zagreb, and it was envisioned as a place of dialogue between educational workers, parents and researchers on the research results and their meaning for education and growing up in Croatia. The research results are available in the report titled **“Obrazovanje kao cilj, želja, nada”** [Education as an Aim, Aspiration, Hope].



Boris Jokić and Zrinka Ristić Dedić presented on multiple occasions the results of the CSF project **COBRAS**

## *Being mainstream, being radical: how do young people understand radicalism in Croatia?*

The GOOD initiative forum of experts, with the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, gathered youth work experts and practitioners, and the audience interested in the topic of youth radicalisation at the conference held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in Zagreb, organized with the aim of answering to the questions of who the radical youth in Croatia are, how youth see radicalisation, and in what ways they express their radical ideas. The background of the discussion was a qualitative research of youth, exploring the concept of radicalisation and its perception in the national context.



Marko Kovačić participated at the GOOD initiative expert forum on youth radicalisation

## *Promotion of the book '500 Years of Protestantism: Heritage and Imprint in the Croatian Society'*

The promotion of the book **"500 Years of Protestantism: Heritage and Imprint in the Croatian Society"** was held at the University of Zagreb assembly hall on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The book was published by the Centre for Democracy and Law Miko Tripalo, Institute for Social Research in Zagreb and Evangelical Theological Seminary from Osijek. The book was presented by prof. Vedran Đulabić, PhD from the Faculty of Law in Zagreb, prof. Vjeran Katunarić from the Department of Sociology of the University of Zadar, Zoran Grozdanov, PhD from the University Center for Protestant Theology Matthias Flacius Illyricus, and the book editors prof. Ankica Marinović, PhD from the Institute for Social Research and prof. Ivan Markešić, PhD from the Institute Ivo Pilar.



Prof. Ankica Marinović presented the book '500 Years of Protestantism: Heritage and Imprint in the Croatian Society'

## *Presentation of the results of the Youth Study Croatia 2018/2019*

The results of the **Youth Study Croatia 2018/2019** were presented on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in Zagreb. This is the second study conducted in Croatia by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Zagreb and the Institute. The first was carried out in 2012. The authors of the study are Institute's researchers Anja Gvozdanović, Vlasta Ilišin, Mirjana Adamović, Dunja Potočnik, Nikola Baketa and Marko Kovačić. Besides describing the way in which youth envision their future, the study also brings an array of recommendations on how the society might help them and provide them with opportunities in Croatia. A regional comparison of results will be presented in a study that is a part of the international research project of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, which gathers 11 youth studies from South-Eastern Europe: ten national studies and one regional.

## *7<sup>th</sup> National Sociological Congress held*

The 7<sup>th</sup> National Sociological Congress, organized by the Croatian Sociological Association was held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The congress was dedicated to the topic of **"Social Cohesion in the Society of Polarisation, Conflicts and Inequalities"**. In the EU social cohesion is defined as a process aimed at reducing differences and protecting from social exclusion. This year's congress was organized with the aim of providing theoretical and

empirical insights into the problem of social solidarity and social cohesion, characteristic of various domains of contemporary Croatian society's social life. This way, the Croatian Sociological Association wanted to open a space for scientific-professional reflections on the mentioned phenomena, and instigate the possibility of a broader public dialogue on the challenges arising from them. The congress was attended by more than 80 presenters who held 40 presentations. Among the Institute's staff, the following researchers participated in the congress: Branko Ančić (member of the Programme Committee), Anja Gvozdanić (member of the Organizational Committee), Nikola Petrović, Marita Grubišić-Čabo, Jelena Matić Bojić, Mirjana Adamović, Dunja Potočnik, Josip Šipić, Nikola Baketa, Branislava Baranović, Iva Odak, Saša Puzić and Marko Kovačić.



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### *Presentation of the book 'Violence as a Generative Force'*

The book **"Violence as a Generative Force"** was presented at the Institute on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The author is Max Bergholz, Assistant Professor at Concordia University in Montreal, where he teaches the history of nationalism, violence and the Balkans. The book is based on events in a small rural community situated at the nowadays border of North-Western Bosnia and Croatia. The author introduces us with a story of a sudden and confusing sinking of a once peaceful multi-ethnic community into extreme violence. Prof. Bergholz received five important awards for this book, from 2017 till 2019, among which the Laura Shannon Award by the Institute Nanovic of the University of Notre Dame and the Joseph Rothschild Award by the Institute Harriman of the

University Columbia. The American Historical Association pronounced the book the best first-time published book on European history from 1815 till the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and awarded the author with the Herbert Baxter Adams Award, one the most prestigious awards in the English speaking world in the domain of European history.

### *Open Day ISRZ*

A science popularization event at our Institute – Open Day ISRZ was held as part of the activities within the project **"European Researchers' Night: Techno Past – Techno Future"**, funded by the EU programme Horizon 2020. In accordance with the main topic of the project, technology and social changes, the introductory lecture **"Addiction to self in the time of selfies"** was presented by Dan Podjed, PhD, anthropologist from the Institute of Slovenian Ethnology. Further on, Iva Odak, PhD and Mirta Mornar from the ISRZ Centre for Educational Research and Development **conducted workshops for students aimed at promoting tolerance, equality and mutual respect**. Afterwards, Anamarija Tkalčec from the Center for Education, Counselling and Research held a **workshop for students on gender equality**. Finally, Dunja Potočnik, PhD (ISRZ Centre for Youth and Gender Studies) **presented the forthcoming ERN 2019 main event**, while Lana Peternel, PhD (ISRZ Centre for Research in Social Inequalities and Sustainability) **presented the impressions and experiences from last year's ERN main event** and the **ERN 2018 promotional film**. This year we were especially delighted to be hosts to pupils of the "Josip Slavenski" Secondary School from Čakovec and their teacher, Ms Marija Dobec, professor of French and Spanish.



Open Day ISRZ 2019



Iva Odak and Mirta Mornar presented the *Hand in Hand* project at the Open Day ISRZ 2019



European Researchers' Night

## European Researchers' Night 2019

The **European Researchers' Night** was held on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in four Croatian university cities: Zagreb, Rijeka, Split and Osijek. The event was organized and financed as part of the activities within the Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie project **"Techno Past – Techno Future"**, which was implemented with the aim of bringing the work of scientists closer to the broader public and raise awareness on the importance of science and scientific discoveries for everyday life. The Institute participated in the programme with an interactive quiz on women and men in science "Guess who I am?" aimed at questioning the prejudices and established ideas on the "image of an average scientist". Besides participating in the presentational part of the programme, the Institute conducted a comprehensive questionnaire survey in all four cities, which aimed to explore the attendees' attitudes on science and scientists, impressions on the programme quality and interest for similar programmes of science popularization.



European Researchers' Night

## Publishing

In 2019 the total scientific production of the Institute included 4 scientific books (2 authored and 2 edited) and 37 scientific articles, of which 17 scientific papers and 20 scientific chapters. Out of the total number of scientific articles, 14 papers were published in journals indexed in Web of Science and/or Scopus, 3 chapters in other journals, and 20 chapters were published in reviewed books.

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

### Science and Society

In 2019 within the "Science and Society" Edition the following book was published:



Kompetencija Učiti kako učiti: teorijske osnove i istraživanja u hrvatskom kontekstu [The learning to learn competence: theoretical foundations and research in the Croatian context] / Eds. Vlasta Vizek Vidović, Iris Marušić. Zagreb: Institute for Social Research, 2019.

## Journal "Sociology and Space"

In the beginning of 2019 the new Editorial Board of the journal **Sociology and Space** was appointed for a four-year mandate. Thus, the newly appointed Editor-in-chief is prof. Ankica Marinović, PhD, the Managing Editor is Lana Peternel, PhD, and Josip Šipić is the Book Review Editor. In addition, the current broader Editorial Board was extended with associates from the Institute's research centres: Marko Kovačić (CYGS), Tana Morić (Translator and Lector for English), Iva Odak (CERD), Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac (URSRC), Adrijana Šuljok (CRiSIS). Besides the Editorial Board, the journal has the Journal Council, comprised of three national and 9 international researchers from the domains of sociology, urbanism, anthropology, and interdisciplinary domains.

In three regular yearly numbers of "Sociology and Space" for 2019 (Vol.57, No1-3), a total of 5 original scientific papers, 2 preliminary communications, 4 review articles and 8 reviews were published.

The journal is available at the [Institute's web-page](#) and at [Hrčak](#).

## Other achievements of the Institute

### ISRZ runs

This year, at the initiative of marathon runner Iris Marušić, PhD, the Institute joined the HT B2Run at Jarun Lake in Zagreb. This way we once again proved that the old saying "Mens sana – in corpore sano" applies to us. The Institute's twelve team members successfully completed the five-kilometre run. The fastest was Nikola Baketa, PhD. After the run, we exchanged our impressions over a beer, together with our loyal supporters.

### ISRZ recruits volunteers

We at the Institute are proud of and grateful to our volunteers who continuously support our work by participating in various administrative tasks necessary for the successful implementation of our projects, and by participating in organizing conferences or presenting at them. This is indeed an opportunity for the volunteers to acquire professional and practical experience of working on national and international projects in a friendly and collaborative setting provided by the Institute. In 2019 ISRZ recruited Ana-Marija Kozjak and Dora Petrović as volunteers.



ISRZ staff at the HT B2B Run held at Jarun Lake in Zagreb

## International conference presentations in 2019

In 2019 we participated in 52 international scientific conferences held in Croatia or abroad, as presented in Map 1.

Antwerp	Helsinki	Portorož
Barcelona	Istanbul	Riga
Vienna	Krakov	Rijeka
Belgrade	Kranjska Gora	Skopje
Brdo pri Kranju	Lastovo	Strasbourg
Bruxelles	Laško	Tallinn
Dubrovnik	Luxembourg	Tartu
Graz	Ljubljana	Tromso
Glasgow	Madrid	Turku
Hamburg	Norwich	Varaždin
Hanoi	Novi Sad	Zagreb

**Map 1.** International conference presentations in 2019





## Leisure time at ISRZ





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