

ISRZ Newsletter

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Editorial – Approaching the Institute anniversary

The end of the year is the time for us to look back to the activities undertaken in the previous year and for us, as a public research institution, to present them to the broader public. The first issue of the Institute's Newsletter informed about the accomplishments of the Institute in 2012. It is not an easy task to summarize and present all of the Institute's activities in one year. Therefore, we have decided to include only some of the most important events that marked the previous year.

Among them was the fiftieth anniversary of the ISRZ journal *Sociology and Space* (previously *Rural Sociology*). This scientific journal is also one of the oldest sociological journals in Croatia. The occasion of celebrating the anniversary can be read about further in the Newsletter. In addition we talked with the journal editor-in-chief about some interesting aspects of publishing in the scientific journals.

Apart from this birthday celebration, the Institute continued with its regular research activities through the scientific projects, but also through different developmental and applied projects. The ISRZ researchers published numerous scientific (and other) papers in both the national and the international publications. In addition to regular research activities, we organized the international scientific conference *Young Women and Gender Equality in post-Yugoslav Societies: Research, Practise and Policy*. In 2013 some of the young ISRZ researchers finished their doctoral theses that problematized some of the interesting topics that can be read about in this Newsletter. Some of the doctoral researches together with the researches stemming from different projects

were published as books. Since one of the Institute's goals is to attain greater international visibility, further activities with the international breakthroughs have continued. The ISRZ researchers participated at relevant international conferences, but also the internationally recognized researchers have visited the ISRZ.

In 2013 was also signed a three-year Programme Agreement between the MSES and the ISRZ on a multi-year institutional financing of the scientific activity. In addition to that, in October 2013 we were visited by the international re-accreditation panel and the official results of their assessment are expected in the first half of 2014.

Finally, it is important to accentuate that during 2013 we have prepared intensively for the great anniversary that will be celebrated in 2014. Namely, **2014 is the year in which the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb celebrates its 50th birthday**. This significant anniversary will be celebrated by a series of activities during the entire year. Thus, for example, from 15th till 17th May we are co-organizing an international conference as a part of the *Teacher Education Policy in Europe Network* (TEPE) which will address *Overcoming Fragmentation in Teacher Education Policy and Practise* as its main topic. Along with this conference, we also organize now already traditional *Days of Educational Sciences* that will be held on 16th and 17th October in Zagreb and which will examine the *Role of Research in Educational Change*. However, the central event will be the celebration of the Institute's anniversary that will be held on April 11th and on which occasion we will also present a monography that covers a fifty-year history and development of the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb. We are also preparing a short documentary about the Institute. In order not to reveal everything we plan to organize on that day, we hereby invite you

to join us on 11th April, 2014 at the City Assembly of the City of Zagreb and celebrate the 50th birthday of the ISRZ with us.

All of our activities can be followed on the newly designed web-site of the Institute which is available at www.idi.hr, and also on the Institute's *Facebook profile* <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Institut-za-dru%C5%A1tvena-istra%C5%BEivanja-u-Zagrebu/359341570855398>.

In any case, we invite you to follow us and to join us at the birthday celebration!

Projects 2013.

Research projects funded by the MSES and the CSF

During 2013 the following projects have been realised at the Institute for Social Research:

- Two research programmes „Protagonists of scientific-technological, socio-spatial and sociocultural development in Croatia“ and „Knowledge based society and the improvement of quality of education in Croatia“ that assembled 10 scientific projects, as well as one self-standing research project „The development of a model for the evaluation of scientific work in Croatia“. (more information at www.idi.hr)
- A competitive research project financed by the Croatian Science Foundation „Social identities, higher education access and course choice“. (www.idi.hr/sipvoos/)

At the end of 2013 we also started the realisation of scientific research projects funded by the resources from The Program Agreement agreed between the MSES and the Institute for Social Research on a multi-year institutional financing of the scientific activity. Scientific researches financed by the resources obtained through the signed agreement will focus on the following themes: education, youth, space, science, culture, national identity, citizenship and sustainability.

More information on these research activities will soon be available on the Institute's web-site and in the next issue of Newsletter.

International Projects

- **International Social Survey Programme (ISSP).**

Dr. sc. Mirjana Adamović, dr. sc. Ivana Jugović i dr. sc. Ana Maskalan joined the ISSP team in working on module *Family and Changing Gender Roles*, while dr. sc. Mladen Domazet joined the team on book editing and writing papers related to the module *Environment*. Module *National Identities* has been prepared and current preparations for the module *Citizenship* are in progress. Data archive of all of the researches is available through the web-site: <http://www.geis.org/en/issp/issp-home/>.

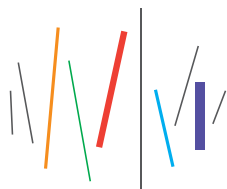
- **TEMPUS - Towards equitable and transparent access to higher education in Croatia (ACCESS).**

ISRZ has, as a research partner, in the last year of this project finished publishing of the final project publication and presented the results of the project at the project conferences. More information about the project can be found at the project web-site: <http://www.tempus-access.info/>.

IPA projects in which we were coordinators or partners

- **Developing Curricula Culture: Empowering schools to develop and implement school curriculum**
- **Development of the national qualification standard for teachers as a basis for the implementation of a teacher licensing system**
- **E-quality: Linking quality and social inclusion in higher education in Croatia**
- **Increasing the understanding of EU climate and energy policy and its impacts in everyday life**

Finally, we were coordinators or partners in the implementation of various other market projects, which speaks for itself about our cooperation with the economic sector, the civil sector and the NGOs, as well as the national and the local authorities.



Project Title	Partners
Young Women and Gender Equality in post-Yugoslav Societies: Research, Practice and Policy	UNESCO
Social and Economic Impacts of Supports by the National Foundation for Civil Society Development	National Foundation for Civil Society Development
First workshop and meeting of the Section for Science and Technology Research	European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST)
Potentials and Perspectives of the Initial Education of Guidance Counsellors / Career advisors in RH	Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes
Mapping of Educational Policy related to the teachers in the region	Network of Education Policy Centers (NEPC)

Project Title	Partners
Evaluation of the Action Cities / Counties Friends of Children from Children's Perspective	Cities / Counties: Jastrebarsko, Mače, Rovinj, Tuhelj
Implementation of the expert and comparative analysis for creating The Youth Act	The Ministry of Social Policy and Youth
Analysis of risk behaviours of high-school students in the Istrian County	Institute of Public Health of the Istrian County – Istituto di sanità pubblica della regione Istriana
Exploitation of the results of research of high-school students' risk behaviours for more efficient planning and implementation of school programmes for prevention in the Istrian County	Institute of Public Health of the Istrian County - Istituto di sanità pubblica della regione Istriana
Family and Changing Gender Roles (ISSP)	The Office for Gender Equality of the Government of the Republic of Croatia

Published papers and conference presentations in 2013



Map 1. Participation at the European and the international conferences

In 2013 the scientists of the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb published a total of 5 scientific books and 38 scientific papers. 13 papers were published in the journals indexed in Web of Science and/or Scopus, while 19 papers were published in the journals indexed in other internationally relevant bases or reviewed books. With the objective of strengthening of the international presence and visibility, many publications were released in the English language.

Significant contribution to the research orientation of the Institute came from the young researchers that defended their doctoral theses in this year: Branko Ančić – „Religious Community as a Social Resource: Research on Relationship Between Religion and Health“, Anja Gvozdanić – „Dimensions of social capital among university students in Croatia“ and Nikola Petrović – „Analysis of defining the European Union by ideology“.

UWe participated in a total of 23 scientific conferences throughout the country and the world. Map 1 shows only the participation at conferences outside of Croatia.

Interview

with the editor-in-chief of the journal *Sociology and Space*, dr. sc. Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac



*This year the 50th anniversary of the journal *Sociology and Space* was celebrated. Could you briefly introduce the historical development of the journal *Sociology and Space*?*

The scientific journal *Rural Sociology / Sociology and Space* published by the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb celebrated the 50th jubilee of publishing in 2013. The journal *Sociology and Space* is the oldest Croatian sociological journal. It was established in 1963 under the title *Rural Sociology* by the group of researchers of village and rural sociologists from the Department for Rural Sociology of the Agrarian Institute (prof. dr. Stipe Šuvar, prof. dr. Vladimir Stipetić, prof. dr. Zvonimir Baletić

etc.). This was the initial phase of intensive and very important work on the first rural-sociological projects and the research that marked the next decade, and this work continued for a long period of time after that. The first editorial board consisted of a group of young rural sociologists and agrar economists from Zagreb (prof. dr. Vlado Puljiz, Vlado Cvjetičanin, prof. dr. Svetozar Livada etc.), later called The Zagreb School of *Rural Sociology*, very influential in the former Yugoslavia and further. *Rural Sociology* was also one of the rare specialized journals about rural sociology worldwide. Since 1973, its publisher became the Institute for Social Research of the University in Zagreb (IDIS).

The journal *Rural Sociology* has since its beginnings published all of the relevant findings stemming from rural-sociological, and later (after 1970s) urban-sociological researches conducted at the Institute and other institutions. Apart from the mentioned, results from the fields of related disciplines were also published.

Rural-urban phenomena and equally important terminology of the discipline was actualized and defined precisely by the sociologists gathered around this journal, by which it was an inevitable source of information and knowledge on rural and urban space and space in general, not only in Croatia and former Yugoslavia, but also much further. From 1960s till 1990s the rural and urban sociologists of the Institute had a very good cooperation with colleagues from the republics of the former state and their work was recognized and exceptionally evaluated. One can say that in the framework of the Croatian society the journal, as well as the rural and urban sociologists around it, established rural and urban sociology in the research, disciplinary and academic sense. Prominent role in the journal activity throughout the past decades have undoubtedly had its editors-in-chiefs who left, by their work and engagement, a significant trace in the history of the journal. Editors-in-chiefs during a 50-year period were: Stipe Šuvar (1963), Vlado Cvjetičanin (1964-1967), Svetozar Livada (1964-1966), Vlado Puljiz (1967-1975), Ruža First-Dilić (1976-1986), Maja Štambuk (1987-1997), Antun Petak (1998-2005), Ankica Marinović (2006-2011) and Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac (since 2012).

The deficiency of scientific personnel in the scientific area of rural sociology from 1990s on, i.e. the decrease

in the number of rural sociologists and rural researches, The Croatian War of Independence and the discontinuation of cooperation with the colleagues from the former Yugoslavia, lead to the decrease in the number of works on this topic and so the necessary solution was to change the journal concept. Thus, in 1998 its enlarged concept was introduced and the profile was defined problematically: *Rural Sociology* got a subtitle *Journal for Spatial and Socio-Cultural Development Studies*, and started to publish works from other special sociologies and related scientific fields and disciplines. However, the change of the subtitle alone was not enough because social changes (globalisational and transitional) in the context of space, as well as changes in understanding of the urban-rural themes, lead to the situation in which the old journal title was seen as inappropriate to the new researches of space and the rural-urban continuum (cities and villages, networks of settlements, processes of suburbanization, etc.) Thus, in 2007, after 43 years of publishing the journal under the name of *Rural Sociology*, the Scientific Council of the ISZR decided to change its title into *Sociology and Space*.

What are your plans regarding editing and the further journal development?

With the first issue in 2014 the journal *Sociology and Space* enters a new thematic phase and continues its work on the inherited tradition from the first few decades of a more specialised scope of spatial topics coming from the disciplines of urban and rural sociologies, but also from their related disciplines of social geography, social ecology, demography, architecture, urbanism, urban anthropology and others. The journal also plans to publish several thematic issues in cooperation with the Sociology of Space section of the Croatian Sociological Association and also targeted themes proposed by the honourable members of the editorial board and the academic circle of scientists in the above mentioned disciplines. Also, during 2014 we plan to switch to the on-line system of receiving and reviewing of works, the so-called *Open Journal System* (OJS), by which current tasks regarding working on the journal and in the end its publishing (printing) would be made much easier. By doing so, the transparency of the process of reviewing and publishing would improve and thus, the authors

could be informed about the stages of submission of their works. Until April 2014 the journal will have digitalized the complete content from 1963 till the present day. The process of digitalization of older material is in progress.

Who is the journal intended for and where can it be purchased?

The journal is aimed primarily at the scientific and the academic reading public interested in societal themes covering the spatial context of sociology and the related disciplines. However, of course, the interest for the journal is not limited to them alone, but it is also aimed at all the interested readers, because the themes that the journal nourishes are of great interest and actuality to the broader public. This has also been proven by the presence of our journal in the public libraries throughout the country over many years. Naturally, the journal can be found primarily in the libraries, not only the Institute's library, but also in other university and faculty libraries (by subscription and donation). Also, a couple of publishers offer the possibility of purchasing the journal.

In the last few years there has been much complaining about the reduced funds by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports that were intended for financing of the Croatian scientific journals. Do you find Croatian scientific journals necessary in the international scientific community and to which extent are you satisfied with the financing of the journal *Sociology and Space*?

The journal is, for example, once again very interesting to the colleagues from Serbia, Montenegro, Slovenia, coming from different related (spatial) disciplines, by which its regional presence and recognition is shown. Therefore, I think that the national scientific journals are necessary for the broader scientific community, not only the regional, but also the broader one. That, of course, means that we should publish more and more in the English language, which the journal already strives towards and these works are constantly increasing in the number. That is, anyhow, a current and future trend that we need to follow. That way we shall be able to better profile and introduce the context and the interests of our „small“ society and the region to the world, which is a prerequisite for us to be a part of the global and the

international processes, and not its mere appendix. For now, the journal is satisfied with the financing provided by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports and will strive to hold the same level of quality and thus the same level of financing, but regarding the current hard situation in science and, accordingly, in the scientific publishing, we shall see how the situation will develop, and the journal will seek to adapt to it, as in the last 50 years of its existence.

Finally, by what means do you strive towards the improvement of quality and visibility of the journal?

Editorial standards are on a high level and we are seeking a critical and relevant level of evaluating and reviewing of the works, and we also have a growing number of foreign reviewers which contributes to the aforementioned. The journal and all its issues, from 2001 till present, are available on the web-site in PDF and also at Hrčak (hrcak-srce.hr).

Publishing

The Institute for Social Research in Zagreb is the publisher of the book series Science and Society and the scientific journal *Sociology and Space*.

In 2013 within the edition Science and Society the following books were published as a result of working on the scientific-research projects of the Institute.

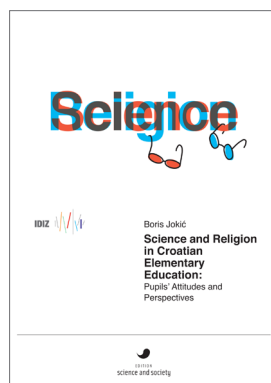


Labus, Mladen. **Kultura i društvo: (onto-antropološka i sociološka perspektiva)**. - Zagreb: Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, 2013 – 215 p. - (Edition Science and Society)

„The author’s interdisciplinary approach to studying of the - scientifically, theoretically and applicably exceptionally important - social dimension

of culture resulted in a greatly valuable work that, especially considering methodology, represents an original contribution to the enrichment of the interdisciplinary

potential of philosophy (but also to asking fundamental questions on ontological and anthropological status of culture), as well as the methodical and contentual aspects of social scientific research of the phenomenon of culture.” (Prof. dr. sc. Lino Veljak)



Jokić, Boris. **Science and Religion in Croatian Elementary Education: Pupils’ Attitudes and Perspectives**. - Zagreb: Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, 2013. - 362 str. - (Edition Science and Society)

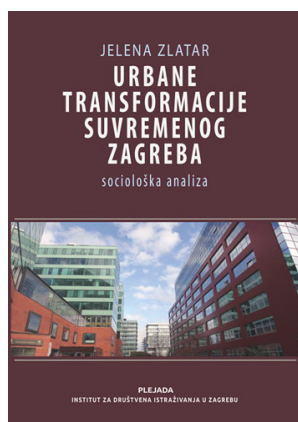
„One of the most fundamental educational challenges stems from the divergent perspectives of science and religion. This excellent book reports one of the most comprehensive investigations ever attempted of pupils’ thinking about the issue. It offers what is, quite simply, an unmissable resource for policy and practice.” (Dr. Christine Howe, professor)

In 2013 the Institute was a co-publisher of the following publications whose authors are the employees of the Institute:



Ilišin, Vlasta; Bouillet, Dejana; Gvozdanović, Anja; Potočnik, Dunja. **Youth in a time of crisis : first IDIZ – Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung youth survey**. – Zagreb: Institute for Social Research in Zagreb: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2013 – 175 p.

„The research study „Youth in a time of crisis“ is an original scientific work that enriches the corpus of scientific knowledge on the young generation in Croatia, as well as the contemporary Croatian society, which the young population is an integral part of. The book is theoretically well-founded, methodologically correct, rich in empirical data, argumentatively interpreted and plausible in drawing conclusions.” (Dr. sc. Furio Radin)



Zlatar, Jelena. **Urbane transformacije suvremenog Zagreba: sociološka analiza (Urban transformations of contemporary Zagreb)**. – Zagreb: Plejada: Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, 2013 – 215 p. – (Edition Nova Plejada)

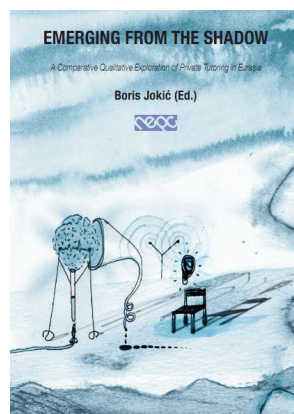
„This book can be of interest to the professional and

scientific public, students of urbanism and sociology, but also to those citizens of the city of Zagreb that wish to be informed about and acquainted with their city in a mindful, intellectual way. The book has a potential of becoming a useful mandatory reading at the universities in Croatia. This book is an original scientific work that is written fluently and that is qualitatively „reinforced“ with data, sources and findings of the empirical research through the use of the interview method.“ (Dr. sc. Vladimir Lay)

Two books of abstracts were also published.

- **Round table (scientific conference) Rural development of Croatia: integrated and sustainable perspectives in the rural communities**, Zagreb, 18th October 2013: program and abstracts / edited by Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac; translated by Dobrila Vignjević – Zagreb: Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, 2013 – 100 p. Text paralelly in Croatian and English.
- **International scientific conference “Young Women and Gender Equality in post-Yugoslav Societies: Research, Practice and Policy”**, Zagreb, Croatia, 26th and 27th November 2013: The Participation Programme of UNESCO for 2012-2013 / edited by Mirjana Adamović, Anja Gvozdanović, Ana Maskalan, Dunja Potočnik; translated by Frane Malenica. - Zagreb: Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, 2013 – 82 p. Text paralelly in Croatian and English.

Publications by the ISRZ researchers resulting from the Institute projects and published by other publishers:



Jokić, Boris (ed). **Emerging from the Shadow: a Comparative Qualitative Exploration of Private Tutoring in Eurasia**. - Zagreb: Network of Educational Policy Centres. - 330 p.

„This book is an excellent contribution to the literature. Its contributions are methodological, factual and

analytical. The comparative qualitative approach provides contextualized analysis of private tutoring in the five countries, with a carefully prepared set of lenses. The book will stimulate methodological commentary in addition to its substantive contribution.“ (Dr. Mark Bray, professor)

Journal Sociology and Space

In 2013 all of the three yearly numbers were published. In them, a total of 24 scientific papers and 9 scientific papers (7 reviews and 2 other works; In memoriam and Foreword) were published.

In the jubilee number of the journal (196 (2), 2013), dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the journal, reviews of the majority of former editors-in-chiefs were published, in which they looked back on the 50 years of publishing of the journal and the development of the sociological disciplines, as well as the papers by the authors that problematically approached different aspects of rural and urban researches, but also the long-time development of the journal.

Since 2013 the journal no longer publishes works from the category of professional papers, but only scientific papers.

Events (co)organized by the Institute

50th anniversary of the journal *Rural Sociology* (since 2007 *Sociology and Space*)

Scientific journal *Rural Sociology / Sociology and Space* (1963-2013) published by the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb marked its 50th and jubilee year of publishing. The journal is also the oldest sociological journal in Croatia. Until 2007 it has been published under the name of *Rural Sociology*, and from 2007 it has been renamed into *Sociology and Space*. The celebration of this significant anniversary was held on 18th October 2013 at the Old City Assembly under the auspices of the president of the Republic of Croatia dr. sc. Ivo Josipović. The programme of the anniversary consisted of the ceremonial and the working part. The ceremonial part consisted of the promotion of the jubilee issue of the journal, the exhibition of the old journal issues dated to different editorial periods and the awarding of acknowledgements to the especially noted scientists, editors and long-time associates to which the journal is indebted. A total of 19 acknowledgements was awarded (to the rural sociologists and the authors of another related disciplines, also posthumously). The working part consisted of the round table (scientific conference) called *Rural development of Croatia: integrated and sustainable development perspectives in rural communities* at which participated a great number of eminent scientists and presenters from the region (Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia), and from the various disciplines (rural sociology, social geography, demography, agrarian economy, architecture, rural tourism etc.). Anent to the round table a book of abstracts bearing the same title as the conference was published in the Croatian and the English language. (A. Svirčić Gotovac)



50th anniversary of the journal *Rural Sociology* (since 2007 *Sociology and Space*)

When nerds take to hiking

When nerds go up the mountain, then a union branch organizes a van transportation for them and a large workroom in Tomislavov dom at Sljeme. Second year in a row, already, the ISRZ retreats to a one-day workshop for planning and training activities, the so-called „Sljeme workshop“. The first workshop emerged as a combination of the trade union excursion and a series of lectures on applying for European funds that the Committee for the international cooperation intended to organize through the year. It turned out to be more efficient and more comfortable to gather all of the employees in the mountainous environment far from the city for us to listen to the presentations of the advisors and the experts and to exchange the experiences and shape plans for the next year than to do it partially through the work week.

On the occasion of the first workshop, held in 2012, we addressed the detected obstacles to applying for the European funds which could be summed into lack of information among the researchers on possible projects and sources of financing, the complexity of the tender procedure and large administration demands for that type of projects. We invited the advisors experienced in applying for IPA, FP7, HERA, INTERREG and similar calls, and through the workshops we learned or repeated the first steps and boldly faced the impediments. After the workshop, we mingled in the chilly Sljeme evening, until the departure of the last city line bus.

Carried away by enthusiasm, in May 2013, we organized the second Sljeme workshop, this time relying more

on our own strengths. Mostly, fragmented in a couple of locations, in project and public activities, we do not have the opportunity to gather around a „water cooler“ at which we could expose and discuss the fresh ideas on cooperation, the new ways of approaching research problems or to think about starting new research areas. Once again, we stuffed ourselves into the bus and sat in a large circle around the projector in order to hear more about initiating the centres of excellence and establishing of the center for methodology within the ISRZ. After that we heard the presentations about opening of the new research topics, discrimination and sustainable development. After that, the draft version of the strategy for the development of pre-tertiary education in Croatia was presented to us and the analysis of the cooperation network among the researchers in the field of social sciences.

All of the above mentioned issues are the new challenges for the Institute's research groups. Finally, we are proud to present the interdisciplinary proceedings stemming from the ISSP program and the interdisciplinary cooperation of our researchers with the colleagues from economy, philosophy and political science on defining the sustainable development from the perspective of the European periphery.

Once again, the discussions extended long into the chilly evening on Sljeme. *(M. Domazet)*



Sljeme workshop

International scientific conference „Young Women and gender equality in post-Yugoslav societies: research, practice and policy“

In Zagreb on 26th and 27th November, 2013 in the Palace Hotel in Zagreb an international scientific conference entitled „Young Women and gender equality in post-Yugoslav societies: research, practice and policy“ was held. The project was financed by the funds obtained from the UNESCO call for proposals which is a part of UNESCO's Participation Programme 2012-2013. The conference was organized by the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, the Department of Sociology of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science in Zagreb and the Human Rights Centre of the University of Sarajevo. Co-organizers of the conference were the Office for Gender Equality of the Republic of Croatia and the NGO CESI – Center for Education, Counselling and Research. The conference was held under the auspices of the president of the Republic of Croatia dr. sc. Ivo Josipović and the Croatian Sociological Association, and it was supported by the Heinrich Böll Stiftung - Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Office for Gender Equality of Government of the Republic of Croatia, The City of Zagreb and the Croatian Chamber of Economy.

During a two-day conference, a total of 25 lectures were presented, with participation of 40 authors from the region: Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo and Macedonia and with one participant from the USA. Presenters at the conference were largely scientists and also politicians and activists from the civil society sector of the region that spoke about their experiences. Essentially, this concept of conference was triggered by the tendency towards identifying of the new researches and political and activist experiences related to young women and gender equality in the region.

The work of the conference was held through thematically focused six panels: Family and Reproductive Policy, Education, Labour Market, Violence, Culture and Human Rights of Women. We estimate that in two days of the conference a total of 130 listeners of the conference were present.

The results of this conference will help articulate recommendations for creating public policies in the area of

gender equality. At the conference key areas related to the development of gender equality and in accordance with the priority objectives and interests of UNESCO were indicated.

After the conference, started preparations for editing and publishing of the proceedings „Young Women in Post-Yugoslav Societies: Research, Practise and Policy“ that are expected to be published in February 2014, which is also the time when the project ends. *(fragments from a review by M. Adamović)*



International scientific conference „Young Women and gender equality in post-Yugoslav societies: research, practice and policy“

Lecture by dr. sc. Ruth Mueller

In collaboration with the Qualitative Research Methods section of the Croatian Sociological Association, the In-

stitute for Social Research was visited by dr. sc. Ruth Mueller on 23rd May, 2013.

Dr. Mueller is an expert in science and technology research from the University in Vienna (currently being transferred to the Research Policy Institute at the University of Lund, Sweden). Her lecture „Agential Conversations: Interviewing Postdoctoral Life Scientists and the Politics of Mundane Research Practices“ was addressing the methods and the practises of interviewing.

Workshop in ethnomethodology

The Qualitative Research Methods Section of the Croatian Sociological Association, the newly established Science and Technology Research Section of the Croatian Sociological Association and the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, under the auspices of the EASST (European Association for the Study of Science and Technology) organized on 10th and 11th October a two-day workshop on qualitative methodology with the ethnomethodological theoretical approach.

The workshop was held by dr. sc. Phillippe Sormani from the University in Vienna. Within the same project, the founding meeting of the Science and Technology Research Section of the Croatian Sociological Association was organized, at which were as invited speakers present domestic and international STS researchers (dr. sc. Franz Mali, dr. sc. Katarina Prpić).



Workshop in ethnomethodology

Round table and Promotions

Round table anent to the presentation of the study „Youth in a time of crisis“

Anent to the presentation of the study „Youth in a time of crisis“ by the authors Vlasta Ilišin, Dejana Bouillet, Anja Gvozdanović and Dunja Potočnik, on 16th April, 2013 at the Croatian Journalists' Association a round table was held that was addressing the same topic. The findings of the empirical research of perceptions and attitudes of youth in Croatia were presented as a part of a mutual project of the Institute for Social Research and the German Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation.

Participants in the round table which was moderated by dr. sc. Zlatan Krajina were the experts in the youth research. Prof. dr. sc. Vlasta Ilišin (ISRZ), prof. dr. sc. Vedrana Spajić-Vrkaš (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), dr. sc. Benjamin Perasović (Ivo Pilar Institute), prof. dr. sc. Duško Sekulić (Faculty of Law) and doc. dr. sc. Berto Šalaj (Faculty of Political Science) gave comments to the results of the research and discussed the key structural and cultural lines of force that influence not only the present-day social status of the young, but also the processes of their social integration and shaping of their experience of growing up in the context of present day challenging social circumstances. (*A. Gvozdanović*)

Book promotions

Presentation of the book by the authors prof. dr. sc. Maja Jokić, Krešimir Zauder and Srebrenka Letina (2012) *Characteristics of the Croatian national and international scientific production in the Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts for period 1991-2005* was held on 10th of January, 2013 in the great hall of the National and University Library in Zagreb. The book was presented by prof. dr. sc. Stipe Kutleša, prof. dr. sc. Maja Vehovec, prof. dr. sc. Neven Budak and prof. dr. sc. Maja Jokić, on behalf of the authors.

Presentation of the book by dr. sc. Mladen Labus (2013) *Culture and Society: onto-anthropological and socio-logical perspective* was held on 25th November, 2013 in the Bogdan Ogrizović Library in Zagreb. At the promotion spoke the author dr. sc. Mladen Labus, the reviewers – prof. dr. sc. Lino Veljak and prof. emeritus dr. sc. Esad Čimić and the editor-in-chief of the „Science and Society“ edition, dr. sc. Dinka Marinović Jerolimov.

Presentation of the book by the author prof. emeritus dr. sc. Nikola Pastuović (2012) *Education and Development* was held on 12th December, 2013 at the Croatian Journalists' Association in Zagreb. The book was presented by prof. dr. sc. Vlasta Vizek Vidović, prof. dr. sc. Ivan Prskalo, the reviewers – prof. dr. sc. Aleksandar Štulhofer, prof. dr. sc. Tajana Ljubin Golub and dr. sc. Predrag Bejaković, as well as the book author prof. emer. dr. sc. Nikola Pastuović.



Round table: „Youth in a time of crisis“
From left to right: Prof. dr. sc. Duško Sekulić, dr. sc. Benjamin Perasović, prof. dr. sc. Vlasta Ilišin, dr. sc. Zlatan Krajina, prof. dr. sc. Vedrana Spajić-Vrkaš, doc. dr. sc. Berto Šalaj

International cooperation

A visit by Yvonne Radielović, career advisor from Basel, Switzerland

In November 2013, the Institute was visited by Yvonne Radielović, a guidance counselor / career advisor for youth and adults and unemployed persons of all ages from Basel, Switzerland.

Mrs. Radielović visited also the Hrvatski zavod za zapošljavanje with the purpose of better learning the practises of professional guidance counselling in Croatia. At the Institute for Social Research she was introduced with the results of research conducted in the framework of the project „*Potentials and Perspectives of the Initial Education of Guidance Counselors / Career advisors in RH*“ that was conducted from May till October 2013 by prof. dr. sc. Vlasta Vizek Vidović and dr. sc. Dunja Potočnik.

The project is funded by the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes as a part of the Euroguidance initiative that promotes the European dimension and mobility in the life-long professional guidance.

The HEISEE cooperation (The Higher Education Initiative for Southeastern Europe)

The HEISEE cooperation (The Higher Education Initiative for Southeastern Europe) that started in 2012, successfully continued in 2013. The HEISEE initiative strives towards strengthening of the capacities of the higher education institutions in the region.

The first HEISEE workshop entitled *Approaches to the strategic financing of higher education – multiple perspectives* was held from 4th till 6th June 2013 and it problematized the strategic financing of the higher education institutions as one of the key present day issues of the higher education policy.

The following members of the HEISEE initiative participate in the project: The Centre for Educational Research and Development (CERD) – The Institute for Social Research in Zagreb (ISRZ), The University of Georgia – Institute of Higher Education, Institute for the Development of Education, Agency for Science and Higher Education in partnership with The University of Rijeka. The project is financially supported by The Embassy of the United States of America in Zagreb.

More information can be found at the project web-site <http://www.heisee.org>.



From left to right: Yvonne Radielovic, prof. dr. sc. Vlasta Vizek Vidović, dr. sc. Dunja Potočnik



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ISSP

Following the successful ISSP meeting held in Cavtat that we organized in 2012, the 2013 annual ISSP meeting was held in Santiago, Chile. During the meeting, new research module for 2014 *Citizenship* was being developed intensively and we plan to conduct it as field work during this year. The agreements about the module for 2015 *Work Orientation IV* were also initiated.

Announcement of activities

- The 50th Anniversary of the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb will be held on 11th April 2014 at the Old City Hall in Zagreb.
- The international TEPE conference 2014: „*Overcoming Fragmentation in Teacher Education Policy and Practise*“. The conference is co-organized by The Faculty of Teacher Education of the University of Zagreb and ISRZ and will be held from 15th till 17th May, 2014. More information can be found at the conference web-site www.idi.hr/tepe2014/

- The regional conference *Days of Educational Sciences* will be held on 16th and 17th October 2014 in Zagreb with the theme “*The Role of Research in Educational Change*“. More information can be found at www.idi.hr/doz2014/
- Information updates and the announcements of other events throughout the year (workshops, seminars, book promotions and similar activities) will be available at the Institute web-site (www.idi.hr) and the facebook profile of the Institute <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Institut-za-dru%C5%A1tvena-istra%C5%BEivanje-u-Zagrebu/359341570855398>.



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