

## UVODNIK

Veseli nas, da smo končno uspeli uresničiti prizadevanja, da bosta v letniku 1999 izšli dve številki Razprav in gradiva, ki jih kot svojo znanstveno revijo in hkrati osrednjo slovensko revijo na področju etničnih in manjšinskih študij izdaja Inštitut za narodnostna vprašanja. Tokrat je pred vami posebna tematska številka, ki pomeni pomembno izdajo zgodovinskih virov o vlogi slovenskih izseljencev v Združenih ameriških državah v procesu osamosvajanja Republike Slovenije. Uvodna študija prof. dr. Matjaža Klemenčiča predstavlja, kako so slovenski izseljenci v ZDA poskušali vplivati na javno mnenje in na posamezne nosilce ameriške notranje in zunanje politike, da bi v procesu osamosvajanja Slovenije priznali njeno samostojnost in neodvisnost. Prizadevanja in delovanje izseljencev v tem času kažejo, kako je v prelomnih trenutkih mogoča precejšnja enotnost v izseljenski skupnosti in sozvočje te skupnosti z interesi in prizadevanji »stare domovine.« Ta objava zgodovinskih virov je rezultat ciljnega raziskovalnega projekta, ki ga je sofinanciralo Ministrstvo za notranje zadeve. Gradivo je za objavo pripravil nosilec projekta dr. Matjaž Klemenčič v sodelovanju z raziskovalcem Inštituta za narodnostna vprašanja Samom Kristenom.

Poleg tega je v tej številki objavljena tudi bibliografija nekdanjega direktorja Inštituta za narodnostna vprašanja dr. Janko Jerija, ki je pred nedavnim slavil svojo sedemdesetletnico. V njegovem bogatem opusu kaže zlasti omeniti proučevanje problematike slovenske manjšine v Italiji, londonskega memoranduma in odnosov med Republiko Italijo takratno jugoslovansko federacijo. Z objavo te bibliografije smo začeli uresničevati naš načrt, da bi postopoma objavili tudi bibliografije drugih pomembnejših slovenskih znanstvenikov, ki so bili sodelavci Inštituta za narodnostna vprašanja. Ta prizadevanja obenem pomenijo že tudi začetek obeleževanja jubileja inštituta, ki bo leta 2000 praznoval petinsedemdeset let svojega obstoja.

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## INTRODUCTION

We are pleased that our endeavours to publish two issues of *Razprave in gradivo/Treatises and Documents* per year have finally been successful in 1999. The journal is published by the Institute for Ethnic Studies as its scientific journal, being at the same time the central Slovene journal in the field of ethnic and minority studies. The present issue is a special topic issue, representing an important edition of historical sources concerning the role of Slovene emigrants in the United States of America during the process of struggle for independence of the Republic of Slovenia. The introductory article by Dr. Matjaž Klemenčič presents the ways in which Slovene emigrants in the USA attempted to influence the public opinion, as well as individual personalities with important functions in American domestic and foreign affairs, to grant Slovenia its autonomy and independence. The emigrants' endeavours and activities at that time prove that at crucial moments considerable unity is possible within the emigrant community, together with its accord with the interests and efforts of the »old country«. The publishing of these historical sources is the result of the target research project co-financed by the Ministry for Internal Affairs. The materials have been prepared for publishing by Dr. Matjaž Klemenčič, in cooperation with Samo Kristen, the research fellow at the Institute for Ethnic Studies.

Apart from these materials, the present issue also brings the bibliography of the one-time director of the Institute for Ethnic Studies, Dr. Janko Jeri, on the occasion of his recently celebrated seventieth anniversary. Within his rich opus, particularly worth mentioning are the study of issues concerning the Slovene minority in Italy, the London Memorandum, and the relations between the Italian Republic and the then Yugoslav federation. With the publishing of this bibliography we are beginning to fulfil our plan to gradually publish bibliographies of other important Slovene scientists who have once co-operated with the Institute for Ethnic Studies. These endeavours are at the same time an introduction to the celebration of the Institute's jubilee in 2000, when the 75th anniversary of its foundation will take place.

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