

DR. JANKO JERI - BIOBIBLIOGRAFIJA

znanstveni svetnik

Dr. Janko Jeri je bil rojen 24. 6. 1927 na Vrhniki. Komaj štirinajstleten je doživel usodo pregnanca. Ko sta Nemčija in Italija 6. aprila 1941 napadli Jugoslavijo, je v Mariboru obiskoval tretji razred gimnazije. Že v juniju 1941 so ga nemški okupacijski organi pregnali na Hrvaško, leta 1943 pa je šestnajstleten odšel v partizane. Njegovi novinarski začetki sodijo v čas vojne, v letih po njej pa je bil urednik in zunanjepolitični komentator pri radiu Ljubljana in Ljudski pravici.

Vmes je leta 1950 diplomiral na pravni fakulteti v Ljubljani. Leta 1958 je na pravni fakulteti uspešno zagovarjal doktorsko tezo o tržaškem vprašanju. Vsebinsko izpopolnjeno disertacijo je leta 1961 objavil v knjigi »Tržaško vprašanje po drugi svetovni vojni: tri faze diplomatskega boja«. Ta prva monografija s področja diplomatske zgodovine na Slovenskem in v Jugoslaviji po drugi svetovni vojni je bila deležna priznanj domače (nagrada Ivana Cankarja) in tuje strokovne javnosti in skupaj z deli Bogdana A. Novaka, Jeana Baptistea Durosella in Diega De Castra sodi med štiri temeljna dela o tržaškem konfliktu.

Vse od leta 1958 dalje je ime Janka Jerija neločljivo povezano z zgodovino Inštituta za narodnostna vprašanja v Ljubljani. Sprva znanstveni sodelavec, leta 1965 višji znanstveni sodelavec, leta 1972 raziskovalni svetnik, je bil na Univerzi v Ljubljani leta 1976 izvoljen za znanstvenega svetnika. Leta 1975 je postal ravnatelj inštituta in naslednja štiri leta vodil njegovo dejavnost. Vse od leta 1959 je bil predstojnik raziskovalne skupine za preučevanje Slovencev ob zahodni meji. 18. 10. 1995, ob sedemdesetletnici ustanovitve te znanstvene ustanove, mu je bilo podeljeno posebno priznanje za prispevek k preučevanju narodnostne problematike in razvoju INV. Njegov petdesetletni življenjski opus ga uvršča med najvidnejše strokovnjake na področju diplomatske zgodovine in raziskovanja narodnostne problematike pri nas.

Dr. Janko Jeri je tako doma kot v tujini objavil celo vrsto tehtnih razprav in esejev o problematiki jugoslovansko-italijanske razmejitve in položaju slovenske narodnostne skupnosti v Italiji in Avstriji. Sodeloval je z referati na številnih tujih in domačih znanstvenih srečanjih in bil leta 1974 strokovni vodja jugoslovanske delegacije na mednarodni konferenci o manjšinah v Trstu. Bil je član številnih uredniških odborov in svetov različnih slovenskih revij, in glavni

urednik knjige »Slovenci v Italiji po drugi svetovni vojni«. Od začetka njenega izhajanja je urednik strokovnega področja zamejstvo Enciklopedije Slovenije in pisec več prispevkov, objavljenih v njenih edicijah

Samo Kristen

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Dr. Janko Jeri was born on June 24th, 1927 at Vrhnika. At merely fourteen he experienced the fate of a deportee. When Germany and Italy attacked Yugoslavia on April 6th, 1941, he was attending the third grade of high school in Maribor. As early as June 1941, he was deported by the German occupying forces to Croatia, and in 1943, when he was sixteen, he joined the partisans. His journalistic beginnings belong to the time of war, and in the following years he became editor and foreign affairs commentator with Radio Ljubljana and the paper *Ljudska pravica*.

Apart from these activities, he graduated from the Faculty of Law in 1950. In 1958 he obtained his doctor's degree at the Faculty of Law with his thesis on the problem of Trieste. His complemented dissertation was in 1961 published as the book »The Question of Trieste After World War II: Three Phases of Diplomatic Struggle«. This, by then the first monograph dealing with the diplomatic history of the Slovene territory and of Yugoslavia in the period after World War II, gained numerous acknowledgements from the national (the Ivan Cankar Award) and the foreign professional sphere. Together with the works by Bogdan A. Novak, Jean Baptiste Durosell, and Diego De Castro the book belongs among the four fundamental works on the Trieste conflict.

Ever since 1958 the name of Janko Jeri has been inseparately linked to the history of the Institute for Ethnic Studies in Ljubljana. At the beginning research fellow, in 1965 senior research fellow, in 1972 research councillor, he was in 1976 nominated scientific research councillor by the University of Ljubljana. In 1975 he became the Institute's director and proceeded to manage its activities for four years. Since 1959 he was head of the research group dedicated to the study of issues concerning the Slovenes along the western border. On October 18, 1995, on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the founding of this scientific research institution, he was given a special award for his contribution to the study of ethnic issues and to the development of the Institute. His fifty-year opus places him among the most prominent experts in the field of diplomatic history and ethnic issues research in this country.

In his home country as abroad, Dr. Janko Jeri has published a number of important treatises and essays concerning the problems of Yugoslav-Italian state borders, as well as the situation of the Slovene ethnic communities in Italy

and Austria. With his papers, he participated at numerous international and internal scientific conferences; in 1974, he was the expert who was head of the Yugoslav delegation at the international conference on minorities in Trieste. He was member of several editorial committees and boards of various Slovene journals, and editor-in-chief of the book »Slovenes in Italy after World War II«. From the very beginning he has been editor of contributions dealing with the issues of Slovenes in the neighbouring countries in the Encyclopedia of Slovenia, as well as author of numerous texts published in its editions.

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