



25 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE
REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA



25 years of the Republic of Slovenia – challenges, dilemmas, expectations

Conference at the Slovene Institute of Contemporary History, 15th and 16th June 2016



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For many people, twenty-five years of the Republic of Slovenia is a relative concept. While some do not find the anniversary particularly important and others would, due to a number of opportunities the country has wasted, prefer not to commemorate it at all, some people feel that the 25 years of existence deserve a special celebration. With the same sense of relativity, the anniversary is treated among historians and in the field of Slovene historiography; on the one hand, the year is 2016 not a noteworthy milestone in history of the Republic of Slovenia, while, on the other hand, the 25 years of its existence are sure to encourage a more active research engagement regarding this period.

Anyone who decides to research this, still topical period of history, will quickly find that it is full of events and issues that need to be systematically analysed. There is no shortage of dilemmas connected with research and presentation of the history of the Republic of Slovenia. Researchers (and the public) are interested in numerous issues and possibilities:

- The question about the archival material and other documents that are (not) available to researchers
- The methodological questions pertaining to the issue of time distance, variety of sources (their quantity, accessibility, organisation, authenticity etc.).
- The questions about presenting the period (in museums, on the internet etc.).
- The possibility (and necessity) to attract reviews and studies conducted by other disciplines that have dealt with contemporary issues (particularly political science, sociology, economics and some others).

Because of all that, the Institute of Contemporary History has decided to organise a conference to detect and specify problems tied to studying the period of independent Slovenia. The fundamental goal of the conference is to establish a coherent methodological and problem-oriented basis suitable for future research.

Conference programme

Wednesday, 15th June 2016

- 9.am – Conference opening:
9.30 am Welcoming speech by the Institute for Contemporary History director Damijan Guštin
Introductory speech by Head of the Conference Programme Council Jure Gašparič
- 9.30 am – 11 am Janez Šumrada:
Foreign Policy – International Recognition, UN, EU, NATO and OECD
Janez Štebe:
Legitimacy of the International Association of the Republic of Slovenia: the Use of the Social Science Data Archives
Jure Gašparič:
The Writing of the Political History of the Republic of Slovenia
Simona Kustec Lipicer:
Evaluation of Modern Party-based and Parliamentary Democracy: a Prediction Based on Past Experience
Discussion
- 11.00 am – 11.30 am Break
- 11.30 am – 1 pm Zdenko Čepič:
Before That – the Formation of Slovenian Statehood in the Period before its Independence
Aleksander Lorenčič:
Studying Economic Transition – Challenges, Dilemmas and Results
Damijan Guštin:
Security and Defence of the Republic of Slovenia – Dilemmas and Solutions
Tomaž Pavlin:
»Sports Story Woven by Thousands« (The Independence and Sport & Transition and Dilemmas)
Discussion

Thursday, 16th June 2016

- 9.30 am – 10.45 am Vesna Gotovina:
National Authorities' Archival Materials on the Process of the Slovenian Independence
Kaja Širok:
The Object and the Memory: A Perspective on Museums' Collection Management Policy and Acquisition of Historical Materials in the Past 25 Years
Andrej Pančur in Mojca Šorn:
Digital Approach to Parliamentary History: the use of the Slovenian National Assembly Materials in Digital Humanities
Discussion
- 10.45 am – 11.15 am Break
- 11.15 am – 1 pm Bojan Godeša:
Cultural Fight rather than Reconciliation - Perception of World War 2 in Slovenian Society after Independence
Jurij Hadalin:
Unwanted Heritage? Historiographic Discourse about (the Second) Yugoslavia
Janez Markeš:
The 25 years of Slovenian Statehood: does History Repeat itself as a Farce?
Jurij Perovšek:
What to Say?
Discussion and conclusion of the conference

The conference will take place at the Institute of Contemporary History, Kongresni trg 1, Ljubljana, in the meeting room at the second floor.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN SLOVENIAN.

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