

Uvod

Nova številka inštitutske revije je vedno tudi priložnost, da se ozremo na vlogo in položaj, ki ga ima Inštitut za narodnostna vprašanja v danem času in prostoru. V sodobni viziji demokracije je osrednje vprašanje priprava, spremljanje in uresničevanje sprejetih odločitev v družbi. Po obdobju sprejemanja svečanih deklarativnih izjav postaja v novejšem času vse pomembnejše vprašanje dejanske participacije posameznika in skupin na vseh področjih družbenega življenja.

To področje zajema tudi raziskovalno sfero. V skladu s tem izhodiščem je Inštitut za narodnostna vprašanja vzpostavil (in ohranil) tesne stike z inštituti in ustanovami iz zamejstva, v raziskovalni proces pa je v skladu z možnostmi vključeval pripadnike manjšine.

V vsebinskem delu je Inštitut za narodnostna vprašanja, poleg proučevanja položaja posameznih skupin, nadaljeval z interdisciplinarnim proučevanjem medetničnih odnosov. Tak pristop pomeni v svetu novo kvaliteto v proučevanju narodnostnih vprašanj, saj izhaja iz celote medetničnih odnosov. Zato smo deležni vse večjega zanimanja za posredovanje rezultatov dela, ki smo jih dosegli.

V prejšnji številki Razprav in gradiva smo pripravili pregled in prikaz vsebine raziskovalnih projektov, ki potekajo na Inštitutu za narodnostna vprašanja, v tej številki pa kratek prikaz dveh mednarodnih srečanj.

V letu 1997 je na Inštitutu za narodnostna vprašanja potekalo sedem raziskovalnih projektov s področja proučevanja medetničnih odnosov:

1. Etnična identiteta in medetnični odnosi v slovenskem etničnem prostoru (nosilka: prof. dr. Albina Nečak Lūk)

2. Narodnostno manjšinska (politična) identiteta (primer slovenske manjšine v Italiji) (nosilec: izr. prof. dr. Miran Komac)

3. Etnična dimenzija integracijskih procesov v pluralnih družbah ter upravljanje in razreševanje konfliktov (nosilec: doc. dr. Mitja Žagar)

4. Slovenci v prostoru nekdanje Jugoslavije izven Slovenije (nosilka projekta: dr. Vera Kržišnik Bukič)

5. Družbena (samo)regulacija ter procesi identifikacije in mobilizacije (nosilec projekta: prof. dr. Frane Adam)

6. Vloga zamejcev in izseljencev v procesu osamosvajanja in boja za mednarodno priznanje Republike Slovenije (nosilec: izr. prof. dr. Matjaž Klemenčič)

7. Medetnični odnosi v obmejnem prostoru med Slovenijo in Hrvaško (nosilka: dr. Vera Kržišnik-Bukić)

Pripravili smo tri mednarodna strokovna srečanja:

1. *Izboljšanje položaja Romov v Srednji in Vzhodni Evropi - Izziv za manjšinsko pravo (Murska Sobota, 11. in 12. aprila 1997), v sodelovanju z Avstrijskim Inštitutom za Vzhodno in Jugovzhodno Evropo na Dunaju -Izpostava Ljubljana.*

2. *Druga mednarodna konferenca o ustavnem, pravnem in političnem urejanju in upravljanju medetničnih odnosov in konfliktov (Ljubljana, 6.-8. november 1997).*

3. *Udeležba narodnih manjšin v procesih odločanja. Posvet Sveta Evrope v sodelovanju z Uradom za narodnosti Republike Slovenije, Ministrstvom za zunanje zadeve Republike Slovenije (Brdo, 1.-2. december 1997).*

Trenutno so v raziskovalno delo vključeni trije pripadniki manjšin, kar zagotavlja, da bo v proučevanju medetničnih odnosov vsebinsko izražen tudi avtentični interes manjšinskih skupnosti.

Tudi na ta način Inštitut dokazuje, da je uspel združiti najsodobnejše trende v raziskovalni dejavnosti s prednostmi, ki jih dajejo dolgoletno proučevanje, kontinuiteta in tradicija.

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Introduction

A new issue of the Institute's journal is always an opportunity to estimate the role and status of the Institute for Ethnic Studies in a given time and space. In contemporary vision of democracy, the central issues are preparation and implementation of adopted decisions in a society. After the period of the passing of solemn declarative statements, recently, the issue of actual participation of individuals and groups in all spheres of social life is gaining importance.

This issue is also dealt with by research work. In conformity with the aforementioned starting-point, the Institute for Ethnic Studies established (and has preserved) close contacts with institutes and institutions in the neighbouring countries, having included, as much as possible, minority members in the research process.

Regarding the contents of its work, the Institute for Ethnic Studies, apart from studying the status of individual groups, continues with interdisciplinary research of interethnic relations. Such an approach signifies a new quality in the research of ethnic issues worldwide, being based upon interethnic relations in their entirety. That is why we are facing an increasing demand for the results of our work.

The former issue of Treatises and Documents brought a survey and a presentation of research projects taking place at the Institute for Ethnic Studies. This issue brings a short presentation of two international conferences.

In 1997, at the IES there were 7 research projects related to the study of interethnic relations:

- 1. Ethnic identity and interethnic relations in the Slovene ethnic territory (head of the project: prof. Albina Nečak Lük, Ph.D.)*
- 2. Ethnic minority (political) identity (the case of Slovene minority in Italy) (head of the project: associate prof. Miran Komac, Ph.D.)*
- 3. Ethnic dimension of integrational processes in plural societies and management/resolution of conflicts (head of the project: assistant prof. Mitja Žagar, Ph.D.)*
- 4. Slovenes in the territory of the former Yugoslavia outside Slovenia (head of the project: Vera Kržišnik Bukič, Ph.D.)*
- 5. Social (self)-regulation and processes of identification and mobilization (head of the project: prof. Frane Adam, Ph.D.)*
- 6. The role of Slovene minorities in the neighbouring countries and Slovene emigrants in the process of the gaining of independence and struggle for the international recognition of the Republic of Slovenia (head of the project: associate prof. Matjaž Klemenčič, Ph.D.)*
- 7. Interethnic relations in the border territory between Slovenia and Croatia (head of the project: Vera Kržišnik Bukič, Ph.D.)*

We prepared three international expert conferences:

- 1. Improvement of Roma status in the Central and Eastern Europe - a challenge for minority legislation (Murska Sobota, April 11-12, 1997), in cooperation with the Austrian Institute for Eastern and South-eastern Europe in Vienna, the Ljubljana branch.*
- 2. Second international conference on constitutional, legal, and political management/resolution of interethnic relations and conflicts (Ljubljana, November 6-8, 1997).*
- 3. Participation of national minorities in decision-making processes. The Council of Europe conference, in cooperation with the Government Bureau for Ethnic Communities of the RS and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the RS (Brdo, December 1-2, 1997).*

At the present time, three minority members are included in our research work, which guarantees the impact of the authentic interest of minority communities within the research of interethnic relations.

This is yet another proof that the Institute is successful in combining the most up-to-date trends in the research activity with all the advantages of yearlong research, continuity and tradition.

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