



Istituto regionale  
per la storia della Resistenza  
e dell'Età contemporanea  
nel Friuli Venezia Giulia

**On Tuesday 6th June 2023, at the Sala Tessitori in Trieste** (Piazza Guglielmo Oberdan, 5)

IRSREC FVG, as partner in the project *“COMFORT ZONE! Democracy and e-democracy thank to life skills improvement, participative cultural researches and creative laboratories”*

organizes a study day on historical methodology and historical research/dissemination projects active in the area at the border between Italy and Slovenia, aimed at high school and university students

**Political participation and border society.**

**From the hardships of the XX century to common challenges in the EU framework**

The study day avails itself of three experts of the history, present dynamics and opportunities connected to the Italo-Slovene border:

Federico Tenca Montini (historian, IRSREC FVG and research associate in the ERC project Open Borders (ZRS Koper))

Borut Klabjan (historian, principal investigator in the ERC project Open Borders (ZRS Koper))

Miha Kosovel (philosopher and cultural operator, Društvo humanistov Goriške (Goriška's humanists society))

The study day is meant as an opportunity to reflect in the history of the area at the border between Italy and Yugoslavia (now Slovenia), two countries which since WW2 has been ruled by different political systems and stood divided by bitter conflicts but, despite of this, started in 1955 a collaboration which brought to forms of transborder cooperation to the benefit of the local population and of the economy in the area.

**Federico Tenca Montini** will provide an overview of the main facts of the history of the border in the XXth century, with a special focus on the consequences for the local society in its key moments (London Memorandum in 1954, electoral success of the Lista per Trieste in the late Seventies).

**Borut Klabjan** will describe the ERC project Open Borders of which he is the principal investigator. The project has been financed this year by the European research council and aims at a transnational history of cross-border practices in the upper Adriatic area since the end of the Second world war. Prof. Klabjan will focus in particular on practices



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which, during the Cold war, brought to a relaxation of regulations for crossing the border, toward an open-border policy.

**Miha Kosovel**, in the afternoon, will describe the functioning and activities of his Društvo humanistov Goriške (Goriška's humanists society), which succeeded in revitalizing architectural heritage in the area at the border between Gorizia and Nova Gorica with a project in the frame of Go!2025, Nova Gorica/Gorizia European Capital of Culture 2025.

At the end of the study day, with the help of school professors Anna Di Gianantonio and Alessandra Rea, the public will be invited to share ideas and proposals to make transborder collaboration even more effective.

#### PROGRAM:

H9.45: Institutional greetings

H10: Lecture by Federico Tenca Montini (40 minutes)

Coffee break

Lecture by Borut Klabjan (40 minutes)

H11.45: Questions from the audience

H12.15: Brief historical walk with a stop at the Narodni Dom

H12.45: Lunch

H14.30: Lecture by Miha Kosovel (30 minutes)

H15: Discussion with the audience, ideas and proposals sharing

Conclusions and end of work at 16.45

The event will take place in Italian, with simultaneous translation from Slovenian into Italian limited to Miha's speech. The capacity of the room is already full; it will still be possible to follow the meeting online at the link:

<http://www.fvg.tv/WebTV/diretta-tes.jsp>