

FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME OF EARLY STAGE RESEARCHER TRAINING¹

1. BASIC DATA

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Research programme (RP) leader's name and surname:	Gorazd Bajc	RP leader's register number at ARIS (SICRIS) :	22467
Title of research programme:	Slovenska identiteta in kulturna zavest v jezikovno in etnično stičnih prostorih v preteklosti in sedanjosti (Slovene identity and cultural awareness in linguistic and ethnic contact areas in past and present)	RP's Register number at ARIS (SICRIS) :	P6-0372
Research organisation (RO) of University of Maribor, where training shall be conducted:	FF UM	RO Register number at ARIS (SICRIS) :	0552-2565
Research field according to ARIS classification :	Historiography	Research field according to Ortelius classification (EURAXESS)	22.5 Contemporary history

2. DEFINITION OF RESEARCH PROBLEM AND GOALS OF DOCTORAL RESEARCH²

¹ Term early stage researcher (ESR) is written in male form and used as neutral for women and men.

² Research and study programme of training have to harmonise with contents of the research programme, where the mentor is a member.

Starting point of research task of the early stage researcher and its position in the research programme, where the mentor is included, work hypothesis, research goals and foreseen result with emphasis on an original contribution to science:

SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND

In scientific discussions about (Slovenian) national minorities, many questions that explore the topic of identities in border areas, based on different scientific disciplines, were raised. Within this study, historical research on women's participation is a very important aspect, which represents a deviation from the conventional general research, as women have relatively recently emerged from the 'margins of historical scenes'. By emphasizing their role as citizens and political subjects, rather than merely as carriers of 'tradition and offspring', the question of their emancipation and social contribution, particularly in the twentieth century, has only begun to emerge more profoundly in the last twenty-five years. While there have been some studies on national minorities and the role of women and their (dis)continuity in the Slovene national minority in Italy, there is a lack of in-depth studies on Slovene women in Austrian Carinthia in Slovenian historiography. The research to date has mainly focused on their literary activities in this area, in which individual identity is at the forefront, while they have received more modest treatment as a collective. Thus, the disregard for addressing the women's issue collectively among the minority in Austrian Carinthia from the end of the Second World War until the signing of the Austrian State Treaty in May 1955 (as well as before and after) is still fragmented into isolated parts.

INTEGRATION INTO RESEARCH ACTIVITY

By exploring the not yet researched link between the issues of women's studies and minority communities, the young researcher will shed light on the question of national identity and the mutual influence between the two. By examining the background of these historical developments – where women were not mere observers of history – the traditional family role of women will thus be addressed in the spirit of the preservation, development and generational transmission of the collective consciousness within the Slovenian minority in Carinthia, as well as with regard to national belonging, which will represent a significant contribution to the research programme *Slovenska identiteta in kulturna zavest v jezikovno in etnično stičnih prostorih v preteklosti in sedanjosti* (Slovene identity and cultural awareness in linguistic and ethnic contact areas in past and present) (headed by Prof. G. Bajc) and in one of the key topics of the programme core *Dediščinska znanost in podnebne spremembe: nove raziskave z interdisciplinarnim pristopom in uporabo umetne inteligence* (Heritage science and climate changes: new research through an interdisciplinary approach and the use of artificial intelligence) (headed by Prof. G. Bajc), directly on the history of the development of identity or identities after the Second World War, and indirectly on the history of women in the ethnically mixed area of the Slovene Littoral in the first half of the 20th century.

WORKING HYPOTHESIS

In the period 1945-1955, women in Austrian Carinthia were not mere observers in the preservation and development of the Slovenian minority but were important agents in the shaping of its border-area identity.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

The key objective of the research will be the analysis of the understanding of the role and participation of Slovene women in various socio-historical aspects in Austrian Carinthia, from May 1945 to May 1955.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENCE

The original research – which will be based on the examination of theoretical aspects regarding the role of women, minorities, and identities, and methodologically based on interpretation of primary

sources – will be important for Slovenian and foreign historiography, as it will contribute significantly to filling an evident gap. The concept of identity and women's communities will simultaneously be relevant within the discourse on the marginalization of minorities and the broader issue of identities in nationally, linguistically, and culturally contiguous areas.

3. STUDY PROGRAMME

Foreseen study programme, to which early stage researcher shall be enrolled in academic year 2024/2025:

History – doctoral (PhD) studies at FF UM.

4. DESCRIPTION OF WORK AND TASKS

The young researcher will:

- examine the most relevant academic literature on women's involvement in historiography and situate it within the issue of national minorities and national consciousness, in the European context in general and the Slovenian minority in Carinthia in particular;
- by taking into account academic literature, memoirs and testimonies of women actors in Austrian Carinthia, newspapers and the periodical press, will analyse and interpret unpublished primary sources in Slovenia and abroad;
- complete all third-level study requirements at FF UM (in the case of an Erasmus study exchange, part of the study requirements will be completed abroad);
- prepare and defend the PhD thesis;
- participate in scientific meetings in Slovenia and abroad;
- assist in the (co-)organization of scientific meetings at the FF UM, especially the work-shop at the end of the second year of his training, which will be devoted to a topic directly or indirectly related to the PhD thesis;
- as an author or co-author (in particular with the mentor), the young researcher will publish several scientific papers, at least one of which will be published abroad;
- will be involved in the teaching process at the FF UM, in some of the first-level courses at the Department of History;
- collaborate with the collective of the Department of History of the FF UM, and, in agreement with the mentor, with the research programme and the aforementioned programme core;
- assist in the editorial work of the scientific journal *Studia Historica Slovenica* as needed;
- in collaboration with mentor, resolve any outstanding issues on an ongoing basis.

5. REQUESTED LEVEL OF EDUCATION

2nd degree or that the selected candidate will defend his Master's thesis before a deadline, set by the UM.

6. REQUESTED FIELD OF EDUCATION

History or double major, one of which must necessarily be History.

7. KLASIUS SRV

17003 Master's education (second Bologna cycle)/Master (second Bologna cycle)

8. KLASIUS P

2251 History.

9. REQUESTED KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge of the basics of heritage science and artificial intelligence is recommended.

10. REQUESTED SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge of the basics of researching historical questions through the analysis of primary archival sources.

11. REQUESTED LANGUAGES

Slovenian, German, English, Croatian, Serbian (including Cyrillic) and possibly another foreign language.

12. REQUESTED WORK EXPERIENCE

It is advisable the candidate has them.

13. FORESEEN POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

The mentor will ensure that the young researcher is actively involved in the project applications. In this way, at the end of the training he will be as well equipped as possible to apply autonomously for various calls for postdoctoral projects, whether in Slovenia (ARIS) or abroad (e.g. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions). For that purpose, he will also attend informative meetings at the UM or elsewhere, which will be dedicated to the application of such projects.

Mentor's signature:

Research programme leader's signature:

Name and surname of Dean or
authorised person³:
prof. dr. Darko Friš

Signature of dean or authorised person:

Place and date:

Maribor,

27. 02.
2024

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³ The training program is signed by the dean of the member where the ESR's employment and training will take place.