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# HABSBURŠKA ISKUSTVA: KARIJERE, VEZE I MOBILNOST /

# HABSBURG EXPERIENCES: CARREERS, CONNECTIONS, AND MOBILITY

Zagreb, Thursday 13th May – Bjelovar, Friday 14th May 2027

The year 2027 marks the 500th anniversary of the election of Ferdinand of Habsburg as King of Croatia by the Croatian nobility assembled at the Diet (Sabor) of Cetingrad in 1527. This event marked the beginning of centuries-long Habsburg rule in the Croatian lands and formed part of a broader political transformation that shaped the history of the lands of the Hungarian Crown and, subsequently, the Habsburg Monarchy.

Over the following centuries, Habsburg rule influenced the political, economic, military, social, educational, cultural, and religious development of Croatia and other lands within the Monarchy. Its legacies remain visible in the states that emerged following the dissolution of the Habsburg Monarchy in 1918. The long-standing state-building process was characterized by wars, reforms, internal strife and other challenges which the Habsburg dynasty and its officials faced. At the same time, the structures of the Habsburg Monarchy provided various opportunities for individuals and groups to pursue careers in military, administrative, judicial, diplomatic, ecclesiastical, educational, and other fields. These opportunities could also contribute to social advancement and the formation of professional and personal networks extending across the diverse lands of the Monarchy.

The conference aims to explore these processes and experiences from a variety of historical perspectives. By bringing together researchers working in different fields of history, it seeks to examine both the diverse impacts and legacies of Habsburg rule in Croatia and other lands, and

the ways in which individuals and groups navigated, used, and contributed to the political, administrative, military, economic, cultural, and social structures of the Habsburg Monarchy.

Particular attention will be paid to careers, mobility, connections, and networks that crossed political, regional, social, and confessional boundaries. The conference therefore invites contributions addressing the experiences of individuals and groups within Habsburg institutions and society, as well as the broader processes through which the Monarchy shaped opportunities for service, advancement, mobility, and interaction across its diverse territories.

The conference will be held in two days, 13th May 2027 in Zagreb (Institute Ivo Pilar), and 14th May 2027 in Bjelovar (State Archives in Bjelovar). There is no participation fee, the participants by themselves arrange their travel and hotel expenses. The organizers provide for the participants daily catering during the sessions, and also dinner in the evening of each of two days. The organizer will also provide a transportation for the participants form Zagreb to Bjelovar and back during the second day of the conference.

The working languages of the conference are Croatian and English, so presenting paper can be held in one of those languages. Each conference presentation will be allotted 20 minutes. The organizers will also provide the necessary technical facilities and equipment for visual presentations.

If You are interested in participation on the conference, please send us data on email: vtsm2024@gmail.com:

Name and Surname,

Affiliation,

Email address,

Title of Paper,

Short summary (up to 200 words),

A short biography (CV).

Please, send us aforementioned data no later than 31st December 2026. The organizing committee will look at all applications and no later than 31st January 2027 will contact applicants about acceptation of their paper.