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Migration, asylum, and integration

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Prevention of discrimination

Access to rights and justice

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Populism

Violence

Welfare state

Citizenship

Work and rights



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Iztok Šori, PhD,
Director

For over two years, since October 2020, the NGOs at 6 Metelkova Street in Ljubljana have been successfully resisting the Ministry of Culture's plans to have us removed from the premises where we have been working for more than a quarter of a century. This attack was the previous government's attempt to harm organisations defending human rights, equality, and freedom of creation. Our resistance has been supported with petitions signed by over 10,000 individuals and organisations from Slovenia and abroad, and we have also had to seek justice in court. Today, this story is slowly coming to a close with results that are not quite as expected, but in dialogue with the Ministry, which has once again been possible after the change of power last June.

INTRODUCTION

The previous government's political attacks were not targeted only on Metelkova 6—though it never made secret the fact that it was particularly irked by the work of the Peace Institute there—but it also systematically barraged other independent institutions and critical voices. A look back at 2022 reminds us how fragile democracy and the rule of law can be when people with authoritarian tendencies assume power. But it also reminds us of the strength of civil society and the citizens who protected democracy and overwhelmingly said no to authoritarian politicians in the elections on 24 April 2022. This has earned Slovenia a major boost to its international profile, while the methods of civil society are being emulated by activists in other countries, especially in Eastern Europe.

The Peace Institute's criticism of the previous government does not mean

we will allow the current one to do a bad job. Within the civic initiative Voice of the People [Glas ljudstva] we are monitoring the implementation of the pre-election commitments the political parties made professionally backed policies. With the aim to depoliticise public television and radio, we participated in last year's referendum campaign on the amendment to the RTV Slovenija Act, which was overwhelmingly supported by the voters.

The stories of Zoran Tešanović and Mirjana Učakar, from whom we sadly said goodbye last year, also testify to the fragility and strength of the rule of law and democracy. They had both been unlawfully erased from the Register of Permanent Residents in 1992 and had suffered heavy consequences to their last day. With our help, Zoran Tešanović managed to establish temporary residence in Slovenia only five years ago and lived in a caravan on the outskirts of Ljubljana until his death. After the initial shock of her erasure, Mirjana Učakar became an activist and fought until her untimely death to right the wrongs done to those who were erased. Rest in peace.

The decline of democracy, the media crisis, the spread of hate speech and misinformation, the platformisation of work, the radicalisation of youth, militarisation,

discrimination against marginalised groups, violent masculinities; all these are problems facing today's society that we have been exploring at the Peace Institute over the past year. Our public action has striven to bring about positive change in society. All together, we carried out 30 projects, an amount comparable to previous years, along with a research programme Equality and Human Rights in an Era of Global Governance. We also carried out several studies and many other activities, such as the programme to host Ukrainian peacekeeper Yuri Shelyazhenko at our Institute.

We are particularly pleased that the successful acquisition of new projects and the securing of stable funding under the Law on Scientific Research and Innovation have been opening up new opportunities for the Institute's development. This will be in line with the strategic development programme adopted last August, which sets out objectives and indicators in the areas of scientific excellence, science communication and societal impact, staff development, and research infrastructure improvement. We continue to create an excellent scientific research institution that offers our staff the best working conditions.

2022 IN NUMBERS

25 employees	1 research programme
30 projects	184 bibliographic units in SICRIS
13 scientific articles	3 monographs and compendiums

8 chapters in monographs	26 conference papers
20 monitoring reports	40 media appearances
21 public events	34 educational workshops
154 website posts	6047 library units

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon Elected Constitutional Court Judge

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon, an associate of the Peace Institute and its former Director, was elected Constitutional Court judge on 27 October 2022.

Emanuela Fabijan Receives PhD On 10 October 2022, POPMED project

Collaborator Emanuela Fabijan received her PhD in Communication Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, with the dissertation "Populist Communication and Gender in the Case of the European Refugee Crisis from 2015 to 2018" (supervisor Mojca Pajnik).

Mojca Pajnik Appointed Full Professor and Included in the Portraits of Science

Programme group leader Mojca Pajnik has been appointed full professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana. She was also featured in an exhibition of innovative portraits of 18 top researchers at the University of Ljubljana, which was on display from December 2022 to January 2023 at the Krakovo Embankment in Ljubljana.



Lev Kreft Wins the Bob of the Year Award

On 29 January 2022, Chairman of the Board, Lev Kreft, received the Bob of the Year Award for the statement: "Nowadays, we are no longer in a position where the representatives of the people must be protected from the people, but the people must be protected from their representatives."

THEMATIC FIELDS

HUMAN RIGHTS
AND MINORITIES

POLITICS

MEDIA

GENDER

HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITIES

In the Human Rights and Minorities field, we **researched** pathways for the (political) empowerment of migrants, national systems for the integration of beneficiaries of international protection and migrant children, the radicalisation of young people in prisons, and the rights of defendants and detainees with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities. We **defended** the rights of the erased, prisoners with disabilities and migrants, and fought against racism and intolerance. We participated in debates on the necessary legislative changes in the field of migration, international protection, and integration. We have done out 10 **research assignments** for the European Fundamental Rights Agency. We carried out nine monitoring visits to children's crisis centres, prisons, and police stations in the framework of the National Preventive Mechanism of the Ombudsman. We provided **trainings** for justice professionals on EU instruments for the protection of rights, for teaching staff on how to teach refugees, for students on how to regulate the status of those who have been erased, and for business employees on the importance of diversity, mutual respect, and acceptance. Six **new projects** have been launched, including COMP4SEE, which will develop models for the private sponsorship of the arrival, reception, and integration of beneficiaries of international protection, a novelty in Slovenia.

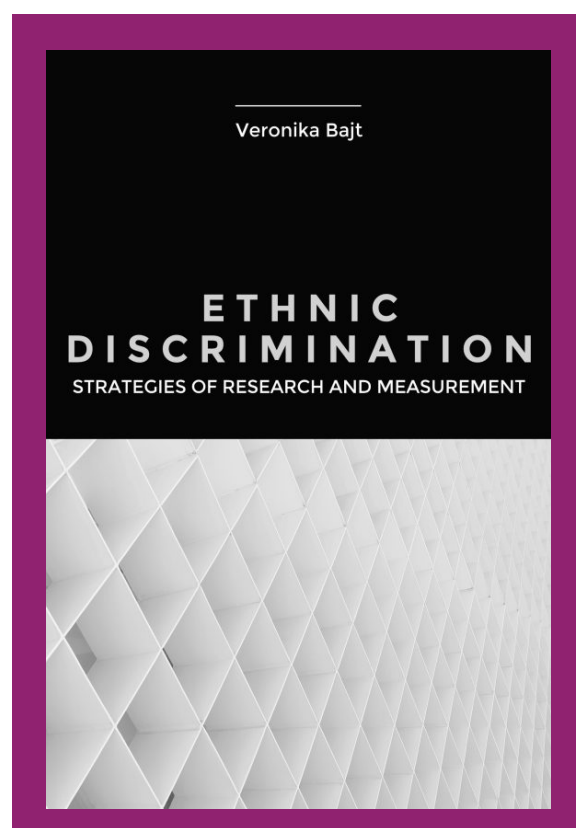
"Today is a new day for those who have been erased. An apology on behalf of the state means the end of an era of the denial of the erasure and its consequences, and of pretending that it has been resolved. Today, the state has acknowledged the erasure and its consequences, with which the erased are still living today. We have received the apology we have been waiting for all these years. For me personally, the apology represents a moral victory for the erased."

Irfan Beširević, President of the Civil Initiative of Deleted Activists (CIIA)



On 25 February 2022, one day before the 30th anniversary of the erasure, President Borut Pahor apologised to the erased in the Presidential Palace. The photo shows the representatives of the erased. Photo: Amnesty Slovenia FB.

HIGHLIGHTED ACHIEVEMENTS



Book: Ethnic Discrimination

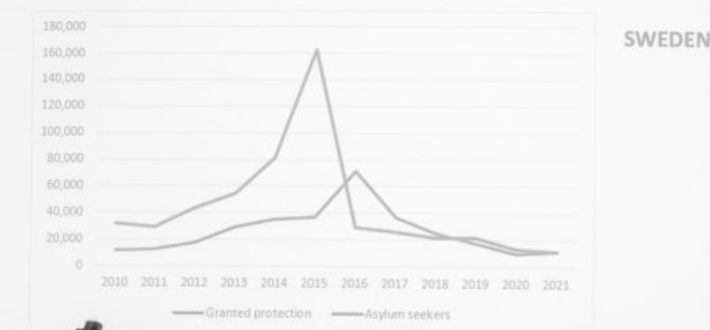
Veronika Bajt has published the scientific monograph *Ethnic Discrimination: Strategies for Research and Measurement* at the Peace Institute Publishing House. The book is the first in Slovenia to take an in-depth view of the methodology of audit studies or situational testing. It is based on extensive empirical research on the experience of discrimination based on personal circumstances of ethnicity, skin colour, nationality, and religion that included over 800 respondents, almost 800 discrimination tests, and more than 50 interviews.

Third National Report on the Implementation of the Integration Policy

We have prepared the [National Report](#) on Slovenia's implementation of different areas of the integration policy for beneficiaries of international protection, based on 180 indicators. We found that the situation has remained the same as three years ago in most areas, whereas it has worsened in some areas. There has not been any systemic improvement of the situation. Researchers and refugees from 14 EU countries talk about integration legislation and their experiences of it in a [video](#) we made as part of the NIEM project.



Figure 2. Total number of asylum seekers and granted protection per year 2010-2021



'Are we an inclusive society?' final event of the NIEM and Migrant Women's Voices projects, 2022. Photo: Katja Cankar.

Article: Whose Children?

Vlasta Jalušič and Veronika Bajt have published the scientific article *Whose Children? The EU and Member States' Integration Policies in Education* in the journal *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*. The article argues that despite the positive developments that have taken place in EU policies for the integration of migrant children, nationalism and the denial of rights in EU member states are the main obstacles preventing integration from becoming a two-way process that focuses on the rights, needs, and interests of the children themselves.

UNHCR Teaching Materials "How to Teach Refugees/How to Teach about Refugees"

Between March and May 2022, a series of training sessions were conducted for teaching staff in primary and secondary schools on the key terms (asylum-seeker, refugee, third-country national, etc.), the procedures for obtaining international or subsidiary protection status, integration policies, and the structural causes of migration. Using [teaching materials](#) prepared by UNHCR, we have presented detailed methods for teaching refugees and about refugee issues.

ADVOCACY FOR ERASED

With the #ZaStatus campaign we have raised EUR 1,255.66 to cover the costs of the procedures, fees, and documentation required to represent Sanja, Ivan, Marko, Marija, Dejan, Ana, and other individuals who have been living in Slovenia for decades without any status and who have been struggling to get their status regularised.

Last year marked 30 years since the erasure. The erasure left irreversible consequences in the lives of those who were erased, and those who perpetrated it have never been held accountable. There are still individuals living in Slovenia without a regularised status and without a proper legal remedy. As a result, the path to a permanent residence permit, which is the only status that guarantees sufficient social and economic rights to live a decent life, is very long – even too long for some. Zoran, whom we have represented since 2015, unfortunately did not live to see his permanent residence permit.

In 2022, we took on Peter (a pseudonym to protect our client), who was born in Slovenia in 1989 and has been living here ever since but with no legal status, no valid documents, and no citizenship of any country. We are working to regularize his Slovenian citizenship, as he was born in Slovenia and has lived here since birth.

We were particularly happy when minor Ana (born in Slovenia in 2006) was admitted to Slovenian citizenship. Due to the irregular status of both parents (the father had been erased in 1992, and the mother never had any valid documents at all), who, on top of all that, are stateless themselves (without citizenship of any country), Ana should have



been admitted to Slovenian citizenship at birth. Unfortunately, the authorities did not implement this, which made the life of this family unimaginably difficult.

On the 30th anniversary of the erasure, President Borut Pahor apologized on behalf of the country for the erasure, an important act for which the erased people had been waiting for a long time. Being aware that an apology cannot replace the actual righting of wrongs, the Office of President Pahor came to our aid in regulating the status of our clients. In accordance with the terms of the Aliens Act, he prepared an opinion that their stay in the country is in the interest of the Republic of Slovenia, in order to somewhat speed up the path to a permanent residence permit for some of them. The Office's opinion was enclosed to the applications for the issuance of a permanent residence permit, which we filed for our clients at the end of the year. However, the opinion of the Office of President Pahor failed to remove all the obstacles on the way to a permanent residence permit, further supporting our position that the legal options provided by the Aliens Act for erased persons are not suitable as well as ineffective. The state is obliged to restore the status of permanent residents to the erased and adopt the appropriate legal basis. We will continue to strive for this in 2023.

You can support our work for the erased by donating a part of your income tax or by making a donation to the Peace Institute (<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/podpri/>).

FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

BAJT, Veronika, FRELIH, Mojca. Empoderamiento a través de la migración : narrativas de la integración exitosa de mujeres inmigrantes en Eslovenia. *Cuestiones pedagógicas*, ISSN 0213-1269, 2022, vol. 1, no. 31, p. 57–76.

BAJT, Veronika. *Ethnic Discrimination : Strategies of Research and Measurement*. Ljubljana: Mirovni inštitut, 2022, 168 p.

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NEW PROJECTS

Project leader at PI:

Katarina Vučko

Research team: Franja Arlič, Iza Thaler, Maja Ladić

Partners:

Croatian Law Center (coordinator), Legal Centre for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment (Slovenia), Foundation for Access to Rights (Bulgaria)

Funding: European Union

Complementary Pathways in South-East Europe (COMP4SEE)

Duration of the project: 1 Jan 2022–31 Dec 2023

The project aims to develop complementary arrival schemes for persons in need of international protection in the three EU member states that have not yet introduced systems for the legal reception of persons, except to fulfil obligations under the Common European Asylum System and the European relocation (burden-sharing) schemes. It is being carried out in Croatia, Bulgaria, and Slovenia and encourages the implementation of the EU Common Framework for Asylum and Migration Management and the European Commission Recommendation on legal channels to international protection in the EU, both of which advocate a comprehensive approach to migration, including the expansion of legal channels for third-country nationals in need of international protection and the facilitation of access to the right to family reunification.

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/comp4see/>

Project leader at PI:

Katarina Vučko

Research team:

Maja Ladić

Partners:

Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights (Austria – coordinator), Mental Health Perspectives (Lithuania), Antigone (Italy), Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Arts (Germany), Bulgarian Helsinki Committee (Bulgaria)

Funding: European Union

JUSTICE FOR ALL: Enhancing the Rights of Defendants and Detainees with Intellectual and/or Psychosocial Disabilities: EU Cross-Border Transfers, Detention and Alternatives

Duration of the project: 1 Jan 2022–31 Dec 2023

The overall objective is to promote judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the EU. In particular, the project will clarify, consolidate, and increase knowledge on international, EU, and national standards applicable to defendants with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities; facilitate cooperation and enhance mutual learning and exchange between different stakeholders at the national and the EU level; raise awareness on the rights of defendants with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities among the project's target groups, including decision makers.

Website: <https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/justice-for-all-enhancing-the-rights-of-defendants-and-detainees-with-intellectual-and-or-psychosocial-disabilities-eu-cross-border-transfers-detention-and-alternatives/>

Project leader at PI:

Lana Zdravković

Research team: Franja Arlič

Partners:

Südwind (Austria), project leaders, Symbiosis (Greece), COSPE (Italy), Gmajna Cultural Association, MoveGLOBAL e.V. (Denmark), ADYFE (Austria), Municipality of Lustenau (Austria), Municipality of Empoli (Italy), Municipality of Berlin Mitte (Denmark), Association of Municipalities and Towns of Slovenia, Migrant Advisory Council of the City of Graz (Austria)

Funding: European Union

Project leader at PI:

Maja Ladić

Research team:

Katarina Vučko, Iza Thaler

Partners:

University of Girona (Spain), Kentro Merimnas Oikogeneias Kai Paidiou (Greece), University of Brescia (Italy), Háttér Society (Hungary), Lithuanian Gay League (Lithuania)

Funding: European Union

Empowering Migrant Voices on Integration and Inclusion Policies – EMV

Duration of the project: 1 Jan 2022–31 Dec 2023

We believe that democracies work best with the full engagement of all therefore, the main aim of the project is to equip migrant communities both with the skills and with the participation structures to fully participate in the democratic process. As we understand integration as two-sided process, the project focuses on capacity building of migrants (with a focus on women) initiatives on political literacy and participation, as well as on capacity building of public local authorities offering them innovative tools for participation of migrants. This project aims at enabling and upscaling the participation of migrants in the design and implementation of policy areas that directly affect them – in Austria, Germany, Greece, Italy and Slovenia – and to bring issues to local, national and EU decision makers.

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/empowering-migrant-voices-on-integration-and-inclusion-policies-emvi/>
<https://diaspora-participation.eu/>

Counter-Hate: Improving the Assistance of Victims of Hate Crimes through a Victim-Centred and Intersectional Approach

Duration of the project: 1 May 2022–30 Apr 2024

The project contributes to the assistance to victims of hate crimes by guaranteeing that legislation and policies establish a victim-centred and intersectional approach. Its main priority is to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU criminal law in the rights of victims of crime, especially the effective application of the Victims' Directive.

Website: <https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/counter-hate-improving-the-assistance-of-victims-of-hate-crimes-through-a-victim-centred-and-intersectional-approach/>

Project leader at PI:

Majda Hrženjak

Research team:

Maja Ladić, Katarina Vučko, Iztok Šori, Mojca Frelih, Mojca Pajnik, Veronika Bajt, Vlasta Jalušič, Živa Humer, Saša Panič

Funding: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

FRANET Research Network

Duration of the project: 27 Dec 2022–26 Dec 2026

As part of the FRANET research network and being a contractual partner of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), which established the research network, the Peace Institute has been tasked with collecting relevant national data and performing research services for the agency in the field of fundamental rights covered by the agency's mandate (e.g., equality and non-discrimination, racism, asylum, migration and integration, border and visa policy, children's rights, protection of personal data, access to legal remedies). During the new cycle of the FRANET network, which began at the end of 2022, the Peace Institute is carrying out tasks and preparing national contributions as part of the FRANET network in cooperation with the Institute of Criminology at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana.

Website: <https://www.mirovni-institut.si/projekti/raziskovalna-mreza-franet/>

Project leader at PI:

Katarina Vučko

Research team:

Franja Arlič, Veronika Bajt, Katerina Kočkovska Šetinc

Partners:

University of Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli" (Italy), University of Palermo (Italy), Krems University of Continuing Education (Austria), University of Barcelona (Spain), Prodos Consulting (Italy), People's Advocate Albania (Albania)

Funding: European Union

SERENY – Strengthening Approaches for the Prevention of Youth Radicalisation in Prison and Probation Settings

Duration of the project: 15 Oct 2022–15 Oct 2023

A number of EU reports highlight the serious lack of comparable data, figures, and estimates on effective radicalisation prevention. The SERENY project aims to contribute to the prevention and reduction of radicalisation in European prisons by providing useful knowledge on young adult (18–29 years old) prisoners who are considered vulnerable/at risk of radicalisation or are becoming radicalised and by assessing the effectiveness of existing programmes and practices to prevent radicalisation.

Website: <https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/sereny-strengthening-approaches-for-the-prevention-of-youth-radicalisation-in-prison-and-probation-settings/>

ONGOING PROJECTS

National Integration Evaluation Mechanism (NIEM). Measuring and Improving the Integration of Beneficiaries of International Protection

Project leader at PI: Maja Ladić

Funding: European Commission, AMIF

Website:
<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/national-integration-evaluation-mechanism-niem-measuring-and-improving-integration-of-beneficiaries-of-international-protection/>

Voices of Immigrant Women

Project leader at PI: Mojca Frelih

Funding: European Commission, Erasmus +

Website:
<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/voices-of-immigrant-women/>
<https://viw.pixel-online.org/>

Human Rights Guide II

Project leader at PI: Iza Thaler, Katerina Kočkovska Šetinc

Funding: European Commission, Erasmus +

Website:
<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/human-rights-guide-ii/>

Migrant Children and Communities in a Transforming Europe (MICREATE)

Project leader at PI: Vlasta Jalušič

Funding: European Commission, Horizon 2020

Website:
<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/migrant-children-and-communities-in-a-transforming-europe-micreate/>



'Are we an inclusive society?' final event of the NIEM and Migrant Women's Voices projects, 2022. Photo: Katja Cankar.

POLITICS



Peace march in support of Ukraine, Republic Square, 1st March 2022. Photo: PI Archive.

"We demand respect for international law, for the inviolability of borders, and for territorial integrity in Europe and beyond. These principles should apply to all, including the superpowers, which in the past have most often violated it for their imperial interests.

We demand an immediate end to attacks and the peaceful settlement of disputes. The Slovenian Government, the European Union, and the international community must do everything possible to restore peace. The agony of hesitation and disunity of the international community during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which began exactly 30 years ago, must not be repeated.

We demand negotiation and disarmament, a long-term reduction in arms production, and a comprehensive and sustained effort to respect equality for all people and democracy. This is the only way to build and maintain lasting peace.

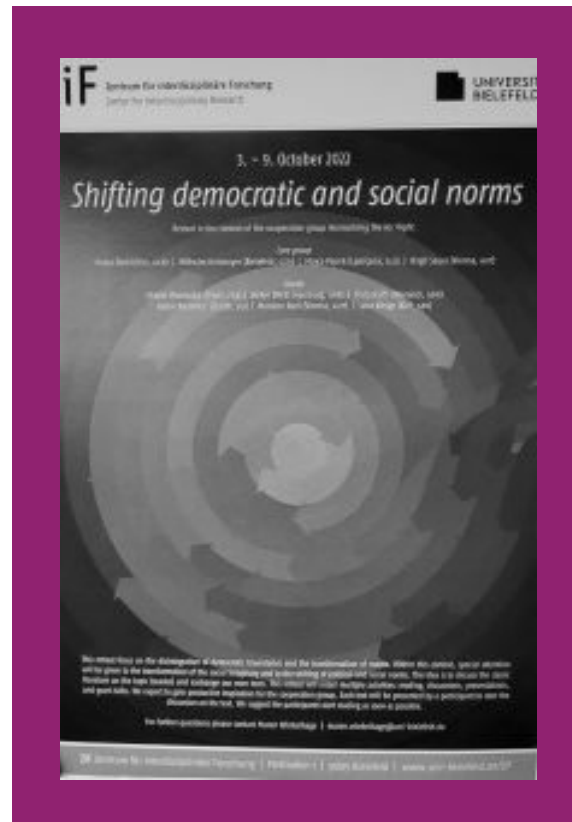
We demand a politics that will implement the will of the millions of people demonstrating for peace around the world.

And we say: We will not let the merchants of fear and arms take our future!"

Iztok Šori, speech at the March for Peace

In the thematic field of politics, we **researched** political concepts according to Hannah Arendt, populism in politics and the media, citizenship and solidarity, intersectional discrimination, hate speech, and the transnationalisation of elderly care. We **advocated** the rights of platform workers, democratic institutions and processes, freedom of speech, and peace policies. We **monitored** the rule of law in Slovenia and the implementation of the political parties' pre-election commitments. We also designed a programme to host a researcher and peace activist from Ukraine at the Peace Institute and undertook the long process of arranging the permits for his arrival. We launched three **new projects** on local solidarity initiatives, the future of social dialogue in the platform economy, and the daily lives of older people living in poverty.

HIGHLIGHTED ACHIEVEMENTS



Shifting Democratic and Social Norms

As part of the research initiative Normalizing the Extreme Right, co-created by Mojca Pajnik, the reading seminar Shifting Democratic and Social Norms was held in the week of 3 to 8 October 2022 at Bielefeld University in Germany. Based on the readings and discussion of works by selected authors from the fields of political theory, sociology, and the media, we discussed the importance of norms, normalization, and the constructs of “normal” for understanding the strategies of populist actors.

The Museum of the Inappropriate

As part of the POPBACK project, Helena Botto presented the “Museum of the Inappropriate” performance at the Slovenian Youth Theater on 10 November 2022. Creating the “School of Populism”, she utilized the genres of westerns, pornography, and melodrama to stage an archive of exclusionary populist rhetoric that can be used effectively to direct the masses.



'We will decide: let's vote!' A travelling festival of democracy organised by Glas ljudstva (The Voice of the People) stops in Slovenske Konjice. The initiative involves more than a thousand individuals from all over Slovenia and more than a hundred civil society organisations, including the Peace Institute. Photo: The Voice of the People FB.

Trapped in an Institution: Management of the COVID-19 Epidemic in Slovenian Homes for the Elderly from the Perspective of Caring Micromobilities

In the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, Slovenia faced one of the highest death rates in nursing homes in Europe. In an article published in the international collection Care Loops and Mobilities in Nordic, Central, and Eastern European Welfare States (edited by Lena Näre and Lise Widding Isaksen), Majda Hrženjak analysed government measures to limit the spread of infection in care homes for the elderly, which radically closed and isolated the homes in several ways, and thus restrictively limited caring micromobilities outside and inside the homes.

The Voice of the People

The Peace Institute is participating in the Voice of the People initiative, which significantly contributed to the high voter turnout in the parliamentary elections on 24 April 2022 and to the quality of the pre-election debates. Before the elections, the initiative compiled 138 demands for policy changes that are extremely important for all Slovenia residents. The political parties have declared their positions to the demands, and the Voice of the People has been monitoring their implementation.

THINKING PEACE

Over a year has passed since the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine but, like many other wars, there does not seem to be an end in sight. The Peace Institute has organised several public debates to answer questions on how to stop the war and build peace, how the war is changing the identity of Ukraine, Russia, and Europe as a whole, and what alternatives peace movements offer. We joined various calls for peace in Ukraine and co-organised the March for Peace on 1st March 2022 at Ljubljana's Republic Square.

Peace Institute's statement on the military attack on Ukraine, 26 Feb 2022

Precisely thirty years ago, in February 1992, the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina erupted, which had far-reaching consequences for us, the region and the post-1989 world. At the time, we believed that such a thing could not happen again "in Europe". With Russia's attack on Ukraine, all assumptions of NATO-backed European peace and security have been shattered, and we are back to a hybrid war period.

We are horrified to observe and strongly condemn Putin's "Blitzkrieg", this utterly illegal and unheard of violation of the territory of another country, the open nuclear weapons threats, the violent attack and the destruction of Ukraine. The consequences will be many dead, displaced and forever stigmatised civilians, violations of rights and the collapse of the 20th-century international order. Therefore, we call for an immediate end to the attacks and violence and the need to resolve the issues at the negotiating table.

Although a part of the international community has rhetorically condemned this act of violence, the international community as a whole seems completely powerless and disunited. The security mechanisms and diplomatic channels in



place have failed. In response to the large-scale attack on Ukraine, the EU and Western countries have reluctantly adopted only economic sanctions against Russia. However, it is evident in advance that they will not have an effect on ending the attack. Before that, they had long willingly supported financial transactions, capital injections, and bank accounts of the corrupt wealthy and exchanged technologies that serve military purposes and arms hyperproduction.

At the same time, we see the fate of the fact that in the whole process of establishing integration, the European Union and its Member States failed to set up their own security and defence policy that would be appropriate for Europe and which they would pursue in the long run. They relied solely on NATO and thus became the collateral damage of the imperialism of the great and influential. Ukraine is the worst example of what happens when there is a clash of appetites between the United States and NATO on the one hand and Russia on the other.

Ukraine has long aspired to join NATO, believing it would ensure security and peace. Today, as observers, we are helplessly watching how the promotion of NATO membership has not brought security

and peace to Ukraine, quite the opposite. When it comes down, the Ukrainians are left alone and defending themselves. We, the people of NATO Member States, are placed in the position of helpless but co-responsible observers, which we did not want. Unfortunately, the victims had to fall to establish this.

The only way to achieve and maintain lasting peace is to respect international law, follow the inviolability of borders and territorial integrity in Europe and beyond, which should apply to all, including the superpowers, which have most often violated this principle in the past because of their imperial interests. The only way to maintain peace is to negotiate and disarm, reduce arms production, and make extensive and sustained efforts to respect minority rights and democracy.

We welcome the protests in Moscow and express our solidarity with Russian peace activists and all those who oppose this war in Russia and elsewhere in the world. We call for courage and persistent opposition. There is an urgent need to relaunch international peace initiatives and pay more attention to the issue of peace.

We express our strong support for the people of Ukraine in their self-defence and/or eventual peace agreement. We are aware that it is one thing to talk about peace in Ljubljana or Moscow and quite another when rocket grenades are falling on you. European countries urgently need to provide immediate assistance to all victims of war and violence. Borders for refugees must be and remain open.



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NEW PROJECTS

Project leader at PI:

Maja Breznik, coordinator:
Maja Turnšek (Faculty of
Tourism, Maribor)

Partners:

University of Maribor –
Faculty of Tourism, Faculty
of Social Sciences,
University of Ljubljana,
Association of Free Trade
Unions of Slovenia
(associate partner)

Funding: ARRS – Slovenian
Research Agency

The Future of Social Dialogue in the Platform Economy: The Case of Slovenia

Duration of the project: 1 Oct 2022–30 Sep 2025

The project addresses two problems related to work in the platform economy: the first concerns the weakened bargaining power of workers under algorithmic management; the second is the issue of decent work in the face of the precarisation of platform workers and the erosion of workers' rights. From the perspective of the workers and their collective organising, platform work poses important challenges for tripartite and bipartite social dialogue. The challenges are also urgent from the perspective of the employers and the legislator in a small country on the margins of the global platform economy.

Website: <https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/the-future-of-social-dialogue-in-the-platform-economy-the-case-of-slovenia/>

Project leader at PI:

Majda Hrženjak,
coordinator Vesna
Leskovšek (FSD)

Partners:

University of Ljubljana
(Faculty of Social Work and
Faculty of Social Sciences),
Institute for Contemporary
History

Funding: ARRS – Slovenian
Research Agency

Everyday Life and Life Course of Old People Living in Poverty

Duration of the project: 1 Oct 2022–30 Sep 2025

This study analyses poverty among the elderly, which is a pressing problem in Slovenia and in EU countries, as data show that poverty increases with age and there is also a high poverty gap between men and women. The main objective of the research is to determine how the Slovenian welfare state has defined, standardised, and enforced norms that affect the everyday lives of older people over time (since the end of the Second World War) and how this impacts the decisions they make throughout their life course. The importance of the research lies in the conceptualisation of old-age poverty as an accumulation of structural inequalities (e.g., by education, household type, health, employment history, caring responsibilities, etc.).

Website:
<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/everyday-life-and-life-course-of-old-people-living-in-poverty/>

Project leader at PI:

Mojca Pajnik

Research team:Marko Ribač, Sandi Abram,
Tjaša Turnšek**Partners:**Universität Hamburg
(project coordinator),
Aalborg University
(Denmark), Scuola Normale
Superiore di Firenze (Italy),
Universität Bern
(Switzerland)**Funding:**

VolkswagenStiftung

Enacting Citizenship and Solidarity in Europe “From Below”: Local Initiatives, Intersectional Strategies and Transnational Networks [ECSEuro]

Duration of the project: 1 Feb 2022–31 Jan 2025

The research project identifies new approaches at the local scale vis-à-vis the longstanding challenges Europe has faced in establishing cross-border cooperation, in particular regarding the social fields of migrant rights, housing, and care work. The project team is conducting case studies in European cities in Italy, Slovenia, Switzerland, Germany, and Denmark and focusing on two aspects that have not yet been sufficiently explored. First, we are analysing how initiatives by local civil society actors and municipalities re-negotiate and enact citizenship and solidarity, concepts most often associated with nation-states. Second, we are examining how local initiatives develop intersectional strategies and networks beyond borders in connecting different social fields and places. The project contributes to debates on urban social movements, civic initiatives and municipal politics, European studies and social theory, and further develops concepts of citizenship, solidarity, and democracy from a practice-theoretical, intersectional, and transnational perspective.

Website: <https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/enacting-citizenship-and-solidarity-in-europe-from-below-local-initiatives-intersectional-strategies-and-transnational-networks-ecseuro/>



Meeting of the project team ‘Enacting Citizenship and Solidarity in Europe “From Below”: Local Initiatives, Intersectional Strategies and Transnational Networks’, 2022, Ljubljana. Photo: Pi Archive.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Citizenship and Discrimination: Intersectional Approach to Research Social Exclusion

Project leader at PI: Mojca Pajnik

Funding: ARRS – Slovenian Research Agency

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/citizenship-and-discrimination-intersectional-approach-to-research-social-exclusion/>

<https://drzavljanstvoindiskriminacija.splet.arnes.si/>

Transnationalisation of Eldercare – Diversities, Recruitments, Inequalities (TE-DRI)

Project leader at PI: Majda Hrženjak (coordinator)

Funding: ARRS – Slovenian Research Agency

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/transnationalisation-of-eldercare-diversities-recruitments-inequalities-te-dri/>

Political and Media Populism: “Refugee Crisis” in Slovenia and Austria

Project leader at PI: Mojca Pajnik (coordinator)

Funding: ARRS – Slovenian Research Agency, FWF Der Wissenschaftsfonds

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/political-and-media-populism/>

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/pop-med/>

Hate Speech in Contemporary Conceptualizations of Nationalism, Racism, Gender and Migration

Project leader at PI: Veronika Bajt (coordinator)

Funding: ARRS – Slovenian Research Agency

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/hate-speech-in-contemporary-conceptualizations-of-nationalism-racism-gender-and-migration-2/>

The Break in Tradition: Hannah Arendt and Conceptual Change

Project leader at PI: Vlasta Jalušič (coordinator)

Funding: ARRS – Slovenian Research Agency

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/projekti/prelom-v-tradiciji-hannah-arendt-in-spremembe-politicne-pojmovnosti/>

Populist Backlash, Democratic Backsliding, and the Crisis of the Rule of Law in European Union

Project leader at PI: Mojca Pajnik

Funding: Norface

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/populist-backlash-democratic-backsliding-and-the-crisis-of-the-rule-of-law-in-european-union/>

<https://www.popback.org/>

EWSI – European Web Site on Integration

Project leader at PI: Veronika Bajt

Funding: European Commission, Directorate General for Home Affairs

Website: <https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/ewsi-european-web-site-on-integration/>

SUPPORT: Developing Innovative Models of Advocacy and Communication for NGOs

Project leader at PI: Jasna Babić (coordinator)

Financer: Ministry of Public Administration

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/support-developing-innovative-models-of-support-and-communication-for-ngos/>

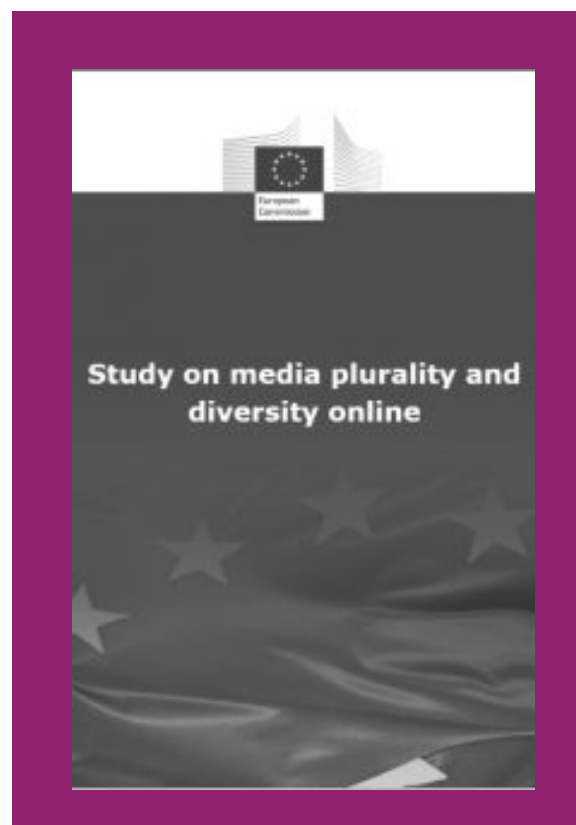


A seminar on 'War, Politics and Ideology' was held as part of the Identity Europe course. The event featured presentations by five contributors to the project The Break in Tradition: Hannah Arendt and Conceptual Change. International University Center (IUC), Dubrovnik 2022. Photo: PI Archive.

MEDIJI

In the thematic field of media, we **researched** the monitoring role civil society and journalists have in Slovenia, as well as disinformation and hate speech. We prepared **studies** on political advertising and local media and conducted **training** for journalists and researchers on trust in the media in the Western Balkans and for students on the party colonisation of RTV Slovenia. We **advocated** for free and plural media and supported the strike of RTV SLO employees. We reported an alleged violation of the ban on incitement to violence or hatred and incitement to commit terrorist offences in a television programme on a private station to the Agency for Communication Networks and Services under the Audiovisual Media Services Act. The Agency assented to our complaint, found an infringement, and imposed a punitive measure. We were particularly vocal and visible in defending the amendment to the RTV Slovenia Act and successfully complained to the RTV Slovenia Ombudsman about the fact that the referendum broadcasts did not allow for an equal presentation of opinions.

HIGHLIGHTED ACHIEVEMENTS

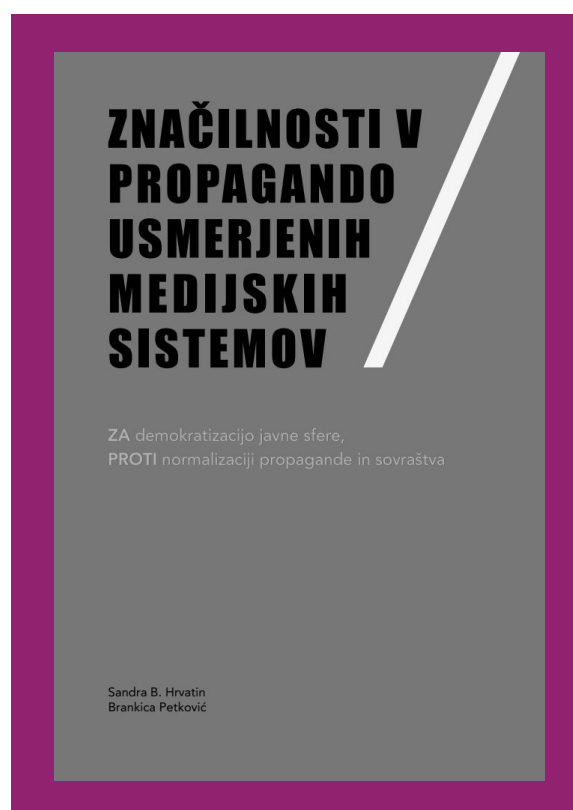


Study on Media Plurality and Diversity Online

Media pluralism requires the same protection in the digital environment as it does in the traditional media environment, warns the study on media plurality and diversity online, published in 2022 by the European Commission. Brankica Petković participated in the research and preparation of the study by an academic team made up of several research institutes and universities. The implementation of the study was coordinated by the Center for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom of the European University Institute in Florence.

Characteristics of Propaganda-Oriented Media Systems

In November 2022, Sandra B. Hrvatin and Brankica Petković published the booklet *Characteristics of Propaganda-Oriented Media Systems* at the Peace Institute Publishing House. In it, they note that propaganda media systems create distrust in the media and all institutions of the rule of law and radicalize their audience to the point that they are imperceptible to different views of the world. The political elite has normalized hatred, making the rebellion against hatred and the destruction of the democratic state also a fight for free, independent, and publicly committed media.



Presentation of the booklet *Characteristics of Propaganda-Oriented Media Systems*, 2022. Photo: PI Archive.

Countering Political Interference in Public Service Broadcasting: the Case of Denmark and Estonia

In April 2022, we organised an online conversation on political interference in public service media in Denmark and Estonia. The web discussion was part of the project *Protecting the Oversight Role of Civil Society and Journalists in Slovenia*, which addresses threats and challenges to exercising the oversight role of civil society and journalists in Slovenia and develops tools and mechanisms to strengthen the capacity to respond effectively to threats and to build public support.

The Peace Institute as a Positive Practice

The EU Fundamental Rights Agency highlighted the activities of the project *"Protecting the Monitoring Role of Civil Society and Journalists in Slovenia"*, coordinated by Brankica Petković, as a positive practice of civil society in the protection of the right to protest, freedom of expression, and freedom of the media.

CAMPAIGN FOR RTV

»Public service broadcasting should be a community builder, accountable to the public, never subservient to any political or interest group.«

Developments at RTV over the last two years show that the party model of management and control of public media, which has been established in Slovenia since 2005, and in which the vast majority of the members of the two most important bodies are appointed by the government and the parliament, leads to subordination, programme impoverishment, staff devastation, and a general deterioration of the position of the public media.

Last year, the Peace Institute, in coalition with the Slovenian Journalists' Association, the Legal Centre for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment, and the Institute for Diversity Culture Open, collaborated in the pre-referendum campaign for the amendment to the RTV Slovenia Act, which will depoliticise the composition of the bodies of the public media. We supported legal solutions aimed

at preventing political influence on management and governance bodies, on the appointment and performance of editors and journalists, and on programme content. We organised several public events, provided information to the public, and Brankica Petković took part in TV debates.

"RTV Slovenia is a common public good. Today more than ever, we need an independent and credible public service media with the most professional and impartial editors, presenters, and journalists. A public service media that provides us with unbiased, verified, and credible information, cutting-edge analysis, a space for open and plural public debate, and the creation of top-quality cultural and artistic content in these complex and difficult times. RTV should be managed, run, and produced by the best people who are independent and professional; just like all key national infrastructure and institutions, it should be run and produced by the best professionals. RTV is for me. RTV is for you. We will not allow it to be a service for political parties of any political option." Statement at the end of the campaign ahead of the referendum on the amendment to the RTV Slovenia Act.



Press conference: Referendum campaign before the referendum on the amendment to the RTV Slovenia Act (RTVS), 2022. Photo: MI Archive.

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ONGOING PROJECTS

Resilience: Civil Society for Media Free of Hate and Disinformation

Project leader at PI:
Brankica Petković

Funding: European Commission
(NEAR)

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/resilience-civil-society-for-media-free-of-hate-and-disinformation/>
www.seenpm.org

Defending and Strengthening the Role of Civil Society and Journalists in Protecting Democracy in Slovenia

Project leader at PI:
Brankica Petković (coordinator)

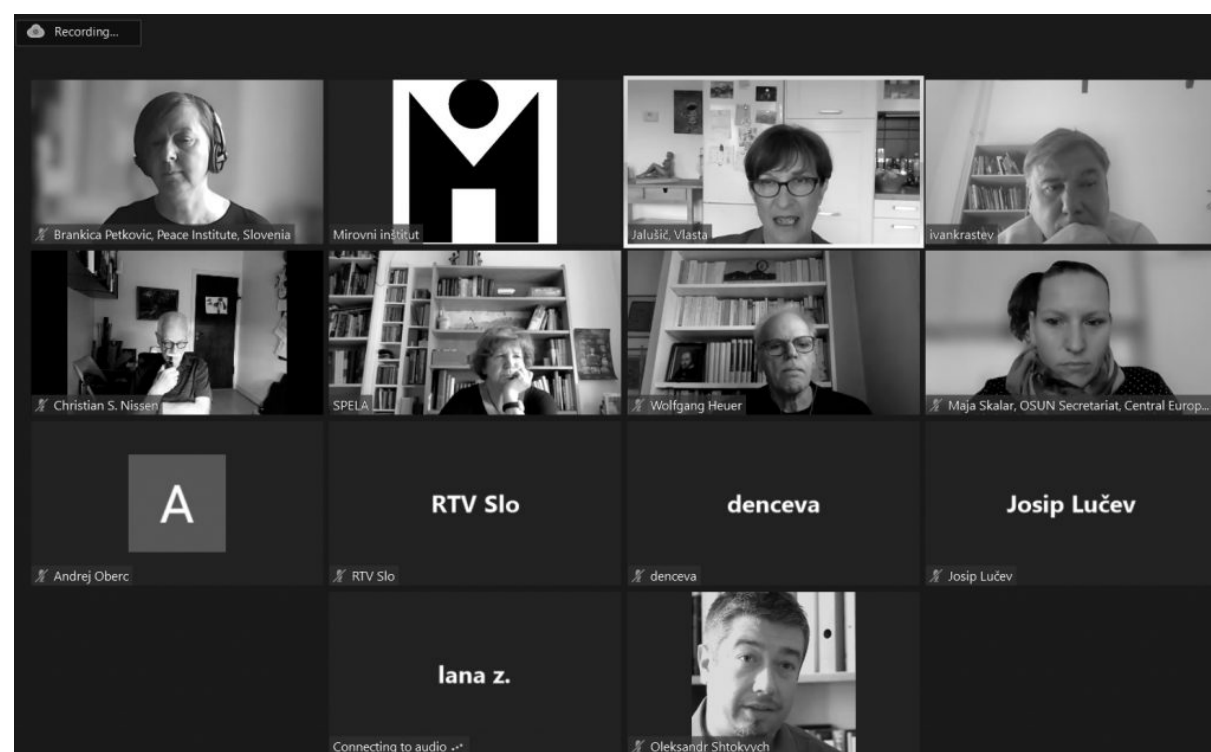
Funding: NEF – Network of European Foundations (Civitates Program)

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/defending-and-strengthening-the-role-of-civil-society-and-journalists-in-protecting-democracy-in-slovenia/>

GENDER

In the thematic field of gender, we **researched** masculinities in relation to the elimination of gender-based violence, early childhood education and care work, sex work, work-life balance, and military families. We **advocated** for collaborative parenting and the rights of sex workers. We participated in the debates on the Long-Term Care Act and in the drafting of the Parental Care and Family Benefits Act, which redefines the parental leave scheme to give fathers 15 days of paternity leave and 60 days of non-transferable parental leave. We worked with businesses to introduce measures to reconcile work and private life. We prepared a **study** for the European Agency for Gender Equality on gender mainstreaming in the preparation of the National Resilience and Recovery Plan. We were very active in the field of **training**, delivering a series of training sessions for professionals, employers, and kindergarten staff on collaborative care work and the importance of work-life balance measures. We gave a lecture for students on the impact of the working environment on informal care for parents with dementia. We launched three **new projects**, including FIERCE, which explores alliances between feminist movements, civil society, and political decision-makers in Europe, funded by the EU Horizon programme.



Online conversation 'War and Peace in Europe', speakers Vlasta Jalušič and Ivan Krastev, project Defending and Strengthening the Role of Civil Society and Journalists in Protecting Democracy in Slovenia, 2022. Photo: PI Archive.

HIGHLIGHTED ACHIEVEMENTS

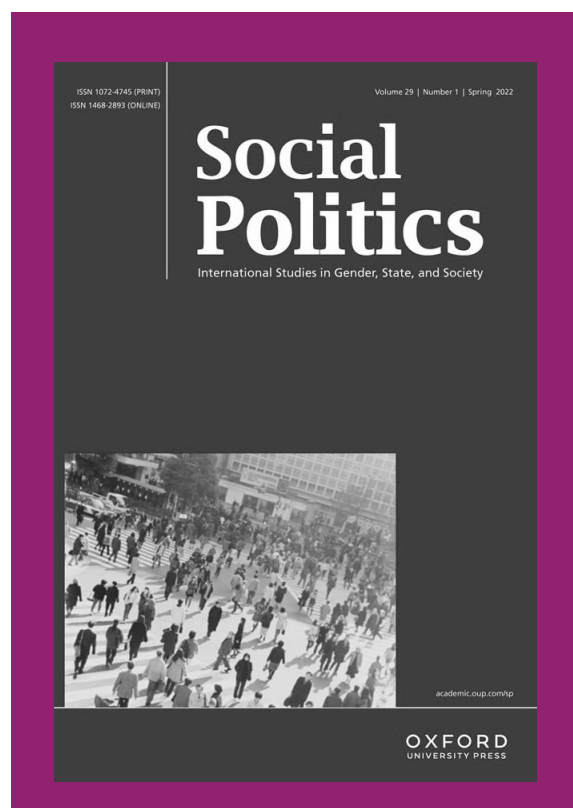


Gender-Sensitive Pedagogy

The Early Childhood Education and the Role of Men project has produced the handbook *Promoting Caring Masculinities in Early Childhood and Primary Education*, which provides conceptual guidelines and practical didactic methods for gender-sensitive pedagogical practice, with a focus on boys and care work in early childhood education. The handbook is aimed at teaching, counselling, and management staff, parents, professionals, policy-makers, and the interested public.

The Impact of Nordic Policies on Paternity Quotas

At certain points in history, a number of countries have modelled their family policies on paternity leave and quotas in Sweden, Norway, and Iceland. Živa Humer and her co-authors have published an article in *Social Politics* entitled *The Nordic Model of Paternity Quotas and Leave: A Case of Policy Transfer*, which analyses the impact of Nordic policies on family paternity leave policies in Germany, Japan, and Slovenia. The case studies show that policy transfer analyses, especially in the social field, need to take into account the specific contexts and constellations of actors in the 'exporting' and 'importing' countries.



Advocating for the Long-Term Care Act

Taking part in public events on the issue of long-term care (LTC), we pointed out the shortcomings of the LTC Act, which was finally adopted in late 2021 after a 20-year drafting period. In particular, the Act does not regulate the systematic financing of LTC, which was its main purpose; the accompanying regulations governing standards and norms reduce the scope of services compared to the status quo; and, last but not least, the pilot tests of the LTC Entitlement Assessment Tool showed that the entry threshold is too high. If the proposed arrangements were to come into force, this would mean that people would be in informal family care or unattended for a very long time.

Survey on Occupational Risks in Sex Work

The ORIS project carried out the first major quantitative survey on occupational risks in sex work in Slovenia. We collected data on occupational risks related to stigma, safety, policies, health, business, access to services, and private life. The analysis shows that the most important occupational risk is stigma, which creates the conditions for other occupational risks to emerge and intensify. In Slovenia, the state effectively prosecutes prostitution-related crimes, but has not yet ensured non-stigmatising and professional treatment of sex workers before institutions and has not yet provided resources for support and advocacy programmes.

Projects Action Dad and ECAROM Highlighted as Examples of Good Practice

Two projects in which the Peace Institute has been involved in recent years have been highlighted as examples of good practice in the EU's #EndGenderStereotypes campaign: the Action Dad project on work-life balance and the Early Childhood Education and the Role of Masculinity (ECAROM) project on career choices.



Final conference of two projects: Action Dad and Men in Care, Ljubljana, 2022. Photo: Action Dad FB.



Final conference of two projects: Action Dad and Men in Care, Ljubljana, 2022. Photo: Action Dad FB.

COOPERATION WITH WORK ORGANISATIONS ON WORK – LIFE BALANCE

The Peace Institute is one of Slovenia's key references for policies to facilitate work-life balance. We research the situation and needs on the ground, provide training for employees and managers in work organisations and for professionals (e.g., on co-parenting), develop expert guidelines and handbooks, carry out campaigns involving famous fathers, and organise conferences and other public events. In the past year, we have successfully completed two projects in this area: Men in Care. Workplace Support for Caring masculinities – MiC and Action Dad.

In June 2022, we organised the final conference for both projects to discuss the possibilities of introducing shorter working hours in Slovenia with social partners, employers, and the industry. We continued the discussion on measures to facilitate work-life balance, noting that they need to be adopted and adequately addressed by both the state and employers, supported by adequate social infrastructure, and that there needs to be adequate parental consent in family communities to ensure a fair distribution of care and household responsibilities. We also discussed active

fatherhood and cooperative parenthood, focusing on good practices of employers, the views of the profession and decision-makers, and the experiences of fathers.

Equal involvement of fathers in family life and evenly distributed care for children bring benefits to men, children, women, and society as a whole. By creating quality working conditions and organisational cultures, employers give employees time to care for their children, the elderly, and their own health. In Slovenia, we have successful companies and organisations that have already introduced good practices to facilitate work-life balance. Their knowledge, experience, and innovative approaches in the field of organisational culture set an example for other companies. These include Donar, d.o.o., Mikro+Polo, d.o.o., Saubermacher Komunala Murska Sobota, d.o.o., and the Police, with whom we have been successfully cooperating in recent years. Our projects have also involved some other working organisations from the public and private sector, including the Faculty of Electrical Engineering at the University of Ljubljana, NOMAGO, d.o.o., Bravo Football Club, and the Public Fund for Cultural Activities of the Republic of Slovenia.

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NEW PROJECTS

Project leader at PI:

Majda Hrženjak

Research team:

Leja Markelj, Franja Arlič, Jasna Babić

Partners:

Instituto degli Innocenti - Italy (coordinator), Dissens Institut für Bildung und Forschung e.V. (Germany), Verein für Männer- und Geschlechterthemen Steiermark (Austria), Center of Women's Studies and Policies (Bulgaria), Asociación hombres igualitarios -ahige andalucía (Spain)

Funding: European Union

Caring Masculinities in Action (Carmia)

Duration of the project: 1 Mar 2022–28 Feb 2024

By raising awareness, training and mobilising young men to reject violence and adopt a critical attitude towards hierarchical, dominant, and privileged relations between people, the project works to reduce all forms of gender-based violence. The objectives of the project are: improve the knowledge and strengthen the competences of teaching staff, youth workers, and activists in the field of gender-based violence on norms of hegemonic masculinity and alternative conceptions of masculinity; develop innovative participatory practices for working with young people; empower young men to choose non-violent behaviour; raise awareness and educate young people as agents of change through peer-to-peer activities in schools, youth, and sports clubs.

Website: <https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/caring-masculinities-in-action-carmia/>

Project leader at PI:

Živa Humer

Research team:

Mojca Frelih, Franja Arlič

Partners:

Surt Fundacio de Dones Fundacio Privada (Catalonia, Spain) – project coordinators, Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS, Cyprus), Istituto Degli Innocenti di Firenze (IDI, Italy), Verein Fur Manner- und Geschlechterthemen Steiermark (Graz, Austria)

Funding: European Union

Engaged in Equality – Challenging Masculinities and Engaging Adolescent Boys to End Gender-Based Violence

Duration of the project: 1 Feb 2022–31 Jan 2024

The project addresses the prevention of gender-based violence (GBV) by focusing on hegemonic masculinities and the engagement of men and boys in gender equality. The project's goal is to challenge traditional gender roles, hegemonic masculinity, and engage young people in becoming role models for the elimination of GBV. It also aims to empower young people, in particularly adolescent girls to identify the potential risks of hegemonic masculinity and gain the confidence to reject abusive behaviours and relationships.

Website:

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/engaged-in-equality-challenging-masculinities-and-engaging-adolescent-boys-to-end-gender-based-violence/>

Project leader at PI:

Mojca Pajnik

Research team:

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Partners:

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Funding: European Union

FIERCE – Feminist Movements Revitalizing Democracy in Europe

Duration of the project: 1 Sep 2022–31 Aug 2025

The project's main goal is to provide theoretical and practical knowledge and tools to revitalize the alliance between the feminist movement, civil society, and political decision-makers. FIERCE envisions a rekindling of the movement-institution relationship by means of a multidimensional, bottom-up, and impact-oriented approach. To that end, the FIERCE project will rely on a systematic construction of eight relevant case studies and a comparative dimension-driven analysis of gender policy issues in five selected areas (labour market, health and reproductive rights, LGBTQI+ rights, migration, gender-based violence). The eight countries that constitute the project's eight case studies (Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, and Turkey) have been selected by following specific criteria regarding geographical balance, diversity of political and cultural contexts, and welfare systems.

Website: <https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/fierce-feminist-movements-revitalizing-democracy-in-europe/>
<https://fierce-project.eu/>



First meeting of the international research project FIERCE, 2022, Thessaloniki, Greece. Photo: PI Archive.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Men in Care. Workplace Support for Caring Masculinities (MiC)

Project leader at PI: Živa Humer

Funding: European Commission, EaSI-PROGRESS

Website:
<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/men-in-care-workplace-support-for-caring-masculinities-mic/>
<https://www.men-in-care.eu/>

Action Dad

Project leader at PI: Mojca Frelih

Financer: European Commission, Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020

Website:
<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/action-dad/>
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Early Care and the Role of Men (ECAROM)

Project leader at PI: Majda Hrženjak

Funding: European Commission, Justice

Website:
<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/early-care-and-the-role-of-men-ecarom/>

Occupational Risks in Sex Work at the Intersections of Policy Framework and Social Stigma (ORIS)

Project leader at PI: Iztok Šori (coordinator)

Funding: ARRS – Slovenian Research Agency

Website:
<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/occupational-risks-in-sex-work-at-the-intersections-of-policy-framework-and-social-stigma-oris/>

Military-Specific Risk Factors for the Well-Being and Health of Military Families – MilFam

Project leader at PI: Živa Humer

Funding: ARRS – Slovenian Research Agency

Website:
<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/military-specific-risk-factors-for-the-well-being-and-health-of-military-families-milfam/>

RESEARCH PROGRAMME EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN TIMES OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

The research programme utilizes conceptual and research-oriented approaches to address the fundamental issues of human rights, equality, diversity, and non-discrimination, which have come to historical crossroads in the prevailing processes of globalisation, the dominance of neoliberal governance, and the multiplication of societal crises. On the one hand, these political and legal principles have never been so widely regulated; on the other, their importance is constantly being diminished in the name of security, the fight against terrorism, and the safeguarding of national sovereignty. These rights are even being denied to some groups, indicating that it is the status of the human person, not humanity, that is at stake (Balibar 2007; Arendt 1971/2003). We reflect on the meanings of equality and 'natural rights' throughout history, in particular social contract theory, and focus on the study of modern conceptualizations of human rights, (in)equality, diversity and multiculturalism, as conceived by, for example, H. Arendt, J. W. Nickel, J. H. Schaar, D. Miller, W. Kymlicka, Iris M. Young, B. Parekh et al.

Programme leader: Mojca Pajnik

Members:

Veronika Bajt, Monika Bohinec, Maja Breznik, Mojca Frelih, Majda Hrženjak, Živa Humer, Vlasta Jalušič, Neža Kogovšek Šalamon, Marko Ribač, Iztok Šori, Lana Zdravković

Funder: ARRS – Slovenian Research Agency

Website: <https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/equality/>



Fourth Symposium of the PI Research programme group, 25. 3. 2022, Ljubljana. Photo: PI Archive.

In 2022, we focused on issues of human rights, equality, and non-discrimination, which are subject to constant change with the retraditionalisation and repatriarchalization of society. We deepened our understanding of concepts, such as equality, discrimination, and crisis, focusing on the erosion of human rights and their impact on law and society. We have broadened the intersectional approach to the study of discrimination, which has opened up new perspectives on understanding inequality. We explored how exclusionary ideologies, such as racism, nationalism, and populism, intersect with the emergency required to contain the pandemic, and how the pretext of crisis is used to spread authoritarian tendencies of power beyond established frameworks of governance. We looked for segments in which public institutions, civil society, and new social movements can “rediscover” human rights and strive for equality. We organised two symposia where we reflected on the results of our research in light of the theoretical concepts that allow us to understand democracy, the state, and politics in times of concentrated crises.



Fifth Symposium of the PI Research programme group, 30. 9. 2022, Ljubljana. Photo: PI Archive.

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The Peace Institute's team continues to grow and numbered 25 associates in 2022. Amela Meštrovac joined us as a professional and technical associate in charge of financial affairs. Twelve Associates have completed their PhD and four are PhD candidates. The educational backgrounds of the staff members range from political science, sociology, cultural studies, philosophy, social and cultural anthropology, law, and economics. Four employees are involved in the teaching process at the University of Ljubljana (Prof. Mojca Pajnik, Prof. Vlasta Jalušič, Asst. Prof. Neža Kogovšek Šalamon, Asst. Marko Ribač), thus transferring the scientific findings produced at the institute to the students. One of our colleagues is a prominent legal expert and constitutional judge (Neža Kogovšek Šalamon). The Institute regularly hosts interns from Slovenian and foreign universities who are trained within the framework of ongoing projects. By implementing various policies and activities, we ensure an encouraging, healthy, and safe working environment.



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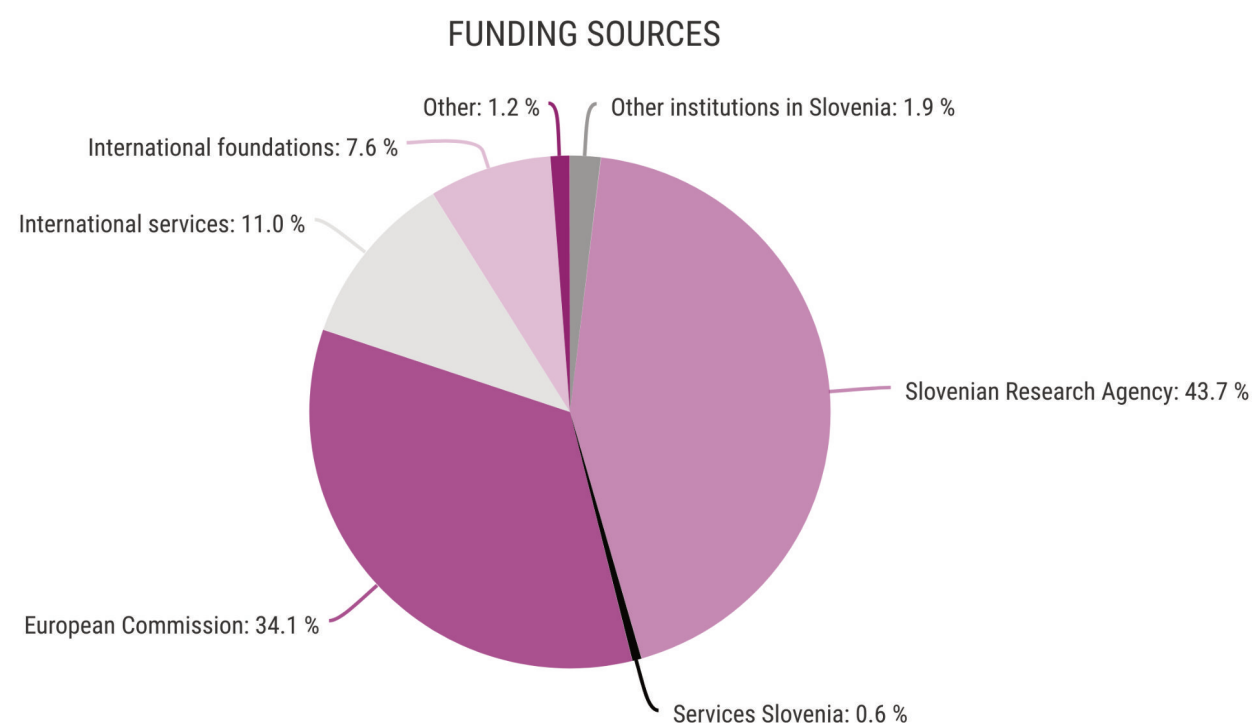
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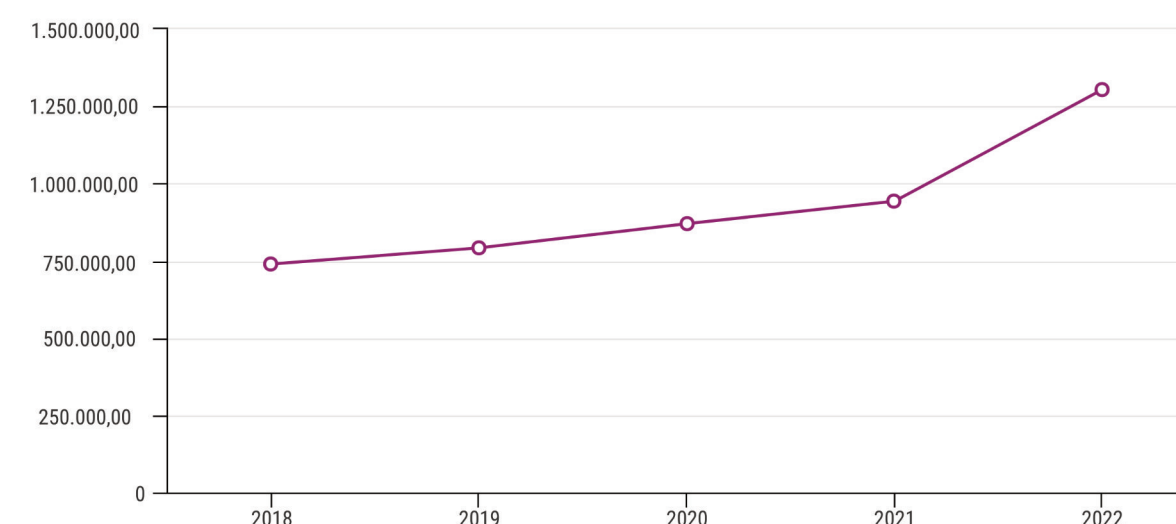
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In 2022, the Institute's financial operations achieved above-average success, as we recorded a 31% increase in revenue. This can be attributed to the acquisition of stable funding under the Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act and the successful acquisition of new projects, especially in European calls. As in previous years, the majority of the funds were obtained through public calls and a smaller share through the provision of services for the market, such as studies or educational activities. At the same time, it is particularly encouraging for the development of the institute that together with stable funding, the share of program funding is increasing (from 6% in 2021 to 14% in 2022).



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