

## About the workshop

As part of the project, three research workshops will be held featuring invited speakers from Croatia and abroad. At the first workshop, titled *What is the Enlightenment?* reports on the secondary literature with annotated bibliographies will be presented.

We are honoured to welcome two distinguished keynote speakers in the field of Enlightenment studies:



Professor Emeritus John Robertson  
University of Cambridge, UK  
&  
Professor László Kontler  
Central European University, Vienna, Austria



# LIGHT

**Between Knowledge and Ignorance:  
Ideas, Practices, and the Legacy of the EnLIGHTenment in Croatian Lands**

Research project  
IP-2024-05-5581

Our goal is to explore the characteristics and geography of the Enlightenment as a cultural process in the Croatian lands during the “long” 18th century. Over a three-year period, we will conduct an interdisciplinary analysis of existing interpretations of the Enlightenment, investigate key figures and their transnational networks, and prepare selected texts by Croatian Enlightenment thinkers in various languages for future research.

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## RESEARCH WORKSHOP WHAT IS THE ENLIGHTENMENT?

Programme

**28 November 2025**

Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences  
Trg Marka Marulića 19, Zagreb  
Multimedia Hall



# Research Workshop

## What is the Enlightenment?

### Programme

#### KEYNOTE LECTURES

**09:00**  
Welcome speech and participant introductions

**09:15 - 09:45 KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
**László Kontler** (CEU) - *Re-Europeanizing the Enlightenment: A View from the Margins*

**09:45 - 10:15 KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
**John Robertson** (Cambridge University) - *Can We Continue to Work with Franco Venturi's Idea of the Enlightenment as at Once Cosmopolitan and Patriotic?*

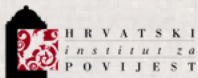
**10:15 - 10:30**  
Discussion

**10:30 - 10:45**  
Coffee Break

#### ABOUT

This Research Workshop is part of the activities organised within the project **LIGHT** carried out at the Croatian Institute of History and funded by the Croatian Science Foundation under grant number IP-2024-05-5581

For more information: visit our website to see the annotated bibliography with over 200 titles and many more activities of our members: <https://light.hipzg.hr/>



**10:45 - 11:05**

**Maja Perić** (Croatian Institute of History) - *The International Commerce that Connected Antwerp with Rijeka: An Example of Cosmopolitanism and Patriotism Related to Political Economy in Context of the Enlightenment*

**11:05 - 11:25**  
Discussion

**11:25 - 11:45**

**Teodora Shek Brnardić** (Croatian Institute of History) - *The Venturian Enlightenment in Practice: Examples from the Bohemian and Croatian Lands*

**11:45 - 12:05**  
Discussion

**12:05 - 12:45**  
Lunch Break

**12:45 - 13:05**

**Marta Jurković** (Croatian Institute of History) - *(Re-)Mapping the Enlightenment in the Eastern Adriatic: Early Reflections and Research Pathways*

**13:05 - 13:25**  
Discussion

**13:25 - 13:45**

**Katja Radoš-Perković** (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb) - *The Idea of a Dalmatian Enlightenment in the Sources on Giulio Bajamonti*

**13:45 - 14:05**  
Discussion

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**14:05 - 14:25**

**Zrinko Novosel** (Croatian Institute of History) - *Defining the Enlightenment through Local Practices and Modifications of Knowledge*

**14:25 - 14:45**  
Discussion

**14:45 - 15:00**  
Coffee Break

**15:00 - 15:20**

**Stipe Ledić** (History Department, Catholic University of Croatia) - *The Croatian Enlightenment: Marginality, Josephinism, and the Estate System*

**15:20 - 15:40**  
Discussion

**15:40 - 16:00**

**Goranka Šutalo** (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb) - *Variants of Croatian Literary Enlightenment: Croatian Literature in the Habsburg Monarchy in the Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Century*

**16:00 - 16:20**  
Discussion

**16:20**

Closing of the Workshop

Forthcoming Research Workshops:  
2026: *Actors of the Croatian Enlightenment*  
2027: *Texts of the Enlightenment*

