

In Memoriam: Dr. Živojin Đurić

(8 February 1954 – 3 December 2022)

At the beginning of December 2022, the professional, scientific and general public was deeply shocked and saddened to hear about the sudden demise of Živojin-Žika Đurić, PhD, a Principal Research Fellow and long-time director of the Institute for Political Studies in Belgrade.

Živojin Đurić was born in 1954 in the village of Štubik, near Negotin. He completed primary and secondary education in Negotin, and graduated from the Faculty of Political Sciences in Belgrade, where he also obtained a master's degree. Under the mentorship of Prof. Miroslav Đorđević, at the same faculty, he defended his dissertation in 1994 on the topic entitled “The Question of National Sovereignty in Serbia in the Mid-19th Century”, obtaining a PhD degree in Political Sciences.

During his multi-decade scientific career, Živojin Đurić, PhD, published 16 monographs and more than 60 scientific papers in journals and anthologies in Serbia and abroad as an author or co-author. His scholarly work includes topics from the modern political history of Serbia, the constitution of Serbian statehood in the 19th century, issues of national sovereignty, national identity and tradition. In his works, Đurić analyzes the processes of modernization and social changes in Serbia, studies Serbian political parties and movements during 19th and 20th century, institutions, trade unions, public administration, considers the relationship between society and religion, deals with media and public opinion, performing research on Serbian right-wing and other ideological trends in the 20th and the beginning of the 21st century. Dr. Živojin Đurić was the manager of important and multidisciplinary scientific projects in the field of social sciences and humanities, a representative of the publisher of numerous scientific monographs, textbooks and magazines, but also the initiator, organizer and member of the scientific committees of domestic and international scientific conferences. Based on the evaluation of the quality of scientific results and the quantitative presentation of scientific research results, Đurić occupied each and every scientific position – Research Associate, Senior Research Fellow and Principal Research Fellow. In addition to scientific positions, he also occupied teaching positions at higher education institutions in Serbia.

Nevertheless, despite such an extraordinary scientific career, Živojin Đurić, PhD, was remembered primarily as being a director of the Institute for Political Studies, which during more than 30 years of his leadership became one of the most significant scientific and research organizations in the field of

humanities and social sciences in Serbia. Đurić became the director of the Institute for Political Studies in 1990, during a period of great social, political and economic changes in the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Leading the Institute for Political Studies in the circumstances of wars in the area, hyperinflation in 1993 and January 1994, NATO bombing in 1999 and comprehensive changes in the socio-political system after 2000, he managed to preserve the scientific and research activity of the Institute. In the past three decades, the Institute for Political Studies has developed from a small scientific research organization with a certain possibility of being closed to a prestigious institute with over 70 employed researchers, with all research and scientific titles. Thanks to Đurić, who had an ear for the development of young scientists and the employment of young people with different basic education, political scientists, lawyers, sociologists, communicators, historians, demographers, experts in the field of geopolitics, security science, social policy and other researchers from the corpus of social science and humanities are employed in this scientific institution today.

The scientific research work of Živojin Đurić, PhD, is especially reflected in the editing of the journal *Srpska politička misao* (Serbian Political Thought). Since 1997, Živojin Đurić has been the editor-in-chief of this journal. During this period, the journal became the most important journal of Serbian political science and gained the status of a national journal of international importance. He also had a prominent role in the restoration or establishment of seven more journals in the fields of political science, international relations, national security, social policy, and public policy and administration. As the long-term president of the Publishing Council of the journal *Kultura polisa* (The Culture of Polis), he made a significant contribution to its positioning at the very top of domestic scientific journals in the field of social and humanities.

Principal Research Fellow, Živojin Đurić, PhD, was a Serbian patriot of traditional, democratic and libertarian orientation. However, in *Srpska politička misao*, other magazines, monographs and other scientific publications of the Institute for Political Studies, there was always room for the publication of different theoretical reflections, polemics between representatives of conflicting ideological directions and the publication of the conclusions of various empirical researches.

Živojin Đurić, PhD, was buried on December 6, 2022, at the cemetery in Štubik, near Negotin.

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Stručnu, naučnu i širu društvenu javnost početkom decembra 2022. godine godine zatekla je tužna vest o smrti dr Živojina-Žike Đurića, naučnog savetnika i dugogodišnjeg direktora Instituta za političke studije u Beogradu.

Živojin Đurić je rođen 1954. godine u selu Štubiku, u okolini Negotina. Osnovnu i srednju školu je završio u Negotinu, a Fakultet političkih nauka u Beogradu, gde je i magistrirao. Pod mentorstvom profesora Miroslava Đorđevića na Fakultetu političkih nauka u Beogradu je 1994. godine odbranio disertaciju na temu „Pitanje narodne suverenosti u Srbiji sredinom XIX veka“ i tako stekao naučni stepen doktora političkih nauka.

Tokom višedecinijske naučne karijere dr Živojin Đurić je kao autor ili koautor objavio 16 monografija i više od 60 naučnih radova u časopisima i zbornicima radova u Srbiji i inostranstvu. Njegov naučni opus obuhvata teme iz oblasti moderne političke istorije Srbije, konstituisanje srpske državnosti u XIX veku, pitanja narodne suverenosti, nacionalnog identiteta i tradicije. Đurić u radovima analizira i procese modernizacije i društvenih promena u Srbiji, izučava srpske političke stranke i pokrete u XIX i XX veku, institucije, sindikate, javnu upravu, razmatra odnos društva i religije, bavi se temama medija i javnog mnjenja, kao i istraživanjem srpske desnice i drugih ideoloških pravaca u XX i početkom XXI veka. Bio je rukovodilac značajnih i multidisciplinarnih naučnih projekata u oblasti društveno-humanističkih nauka, predstavnik izdavača brojnih naučnih monografija, udžbenika i časopisa, ali i pokretač, organizator i član naučnih odbora domaćih i međunarodnih naučnih konferencija. Na osnovu vrednovanja kvaliteta naučnih rezultata i kvantitativnog iskazivanja naučnoistraživačkih rezultata dr Živojin Đurić je biran u sva naučna zvanja – naučnog saradnika, višeg naučnog saradnika i naučnog savetnika. Pored naučnih, biran je i u nastavna zvanja na visokoškolskim ustanovama u Srbiji.

Pored sadržajne naučne karijere, dr Živojin Đurić će ostati upamćen prevashodno kao direktor Instituta za političke studije, koji je tokom više od 30 godina njegovog rukovođenja postao jedna od najznačajnijih naučno-istraživačkih organizacija u polju društveno-humanističkih nauka u Srbiji. Đurić je postao direktor Instituta za političke studije 1990. godine, u periodu velikih društvenih, političkih i ekonomskih promena u Socijalističkoj Federativnoj Republici Jugoslaviji. Vodeći Institut za političke studije u okolnostima ratova u okruženju, hiperinflacije 1993. i januara 1994. godine, NATO bombardovanja 1999. i sveobuhvatnih

promena društveno-političkog sistema nakon 2000. godine, dr Živojin Đurić je uspeo da sačuva naučno-istraživačku delatnost Instituta. Institut za političke studije je u prethodne tri decenije prešao razvojni put od male naučnoistraživačke organizacije s izvesnom mogućnošću gašenja do prestižnog instituta s preko 70 zaposlenih istraživača, u svim istraživačkim i naučnim zvanjima. Zahvaljujući doktoru Đuriću, koji je imao sluha za razvoj naučnog podmlatka i prijem u radni odnos mladih ljudi različitog bazičnog obrazovanja, u ovoj naučnoj instituciji su danas zaposleni politikolozi, pravnici, sociolozi, komunikolozi, istoričari, demografi, stručnjaci iz oblasti geopolitike, nauka o bezbednosti, socijalne politike i drugi istraživači iz korpusa društveno-humanističkih nauka.

Poseban kvalitet u naučnoistraživačkom radu dr Živojina Đurića predstavlja uređivanje časopisa *Srpska politička misao*. Živojin Đurić je od 1997. godine bio glavni i odgovorni urednik ovog časopisa, koji je u tom periodu izrastao u najznačajnije glasilo srpske politikologije i dobio status nacionalnog časopisa međunarodnog značaja. Imao je istkanutu ulogu i u obnovi ili ustanovljavanju još sedam časopisa iz oblasti politikologije, međunarodnih odnosa, nacionalne bezbednosti, socijalne politike, javne uprave i administracije. Kao dugogodišnji član Izdavačkog saveta časopisa *Kultura polisa*, dao je značajan doprinos njegovom pozicioniranju u sam vrh domaćih naučnih časopisa u polju društveno-humanističkih nauka.

Naučni savetnik dr Živojin Đurić je bio srpski patriota tradicionalnog, demokratskog i slobodarskog opredeljenja. U *Srpskoj političkoj misli* i drugim časopisima u čijem uređivanju je imao učešće, kao i u monografijama i ostalim naučnim publikacijama Instituta za političke studije uvek je bilo prostora za objavljivanje i drugačijih teorijskih promišljanja, polemiku između predstavnika suprotstavljenih ideoloških pravaca i publikovanje zaključaka različitih empirijskih istraživanja.

Dr Živojin Đurić je sahranjen 6. decembra 2022. godine na groblju u rodnom Štubiku, pokraj Negotina.

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