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In his research, he has been focusing on the following issues: the position of Slovenes in different state formations (he wrote some of his fundamental works on the Kingdom of Yugoslavia and the Socialist Yugoslavia); the comparison of the position of the Slovene nation to other nations; the disintegration of Yugoslavia, the democratisation and independence of Slovenia (he also wrote some fundamental works on these issues); the question of democracy, parliamentarianism and civil society; the balance between conservatism and modernism; everyday life and culture; biographies of important political personalities; and history of diplomacy. He pays a lot of attention to the questions of historiography, formation of historical awareness and use of history in public (in this field, he is also a member of staff in the project Slovensko javno mnenje (SJM) [Slovene Public Opinion Survey]. Lately, he has been focusing intensely on societal processes in independent Slovenia. In the COBISS (Co-operative Online Bibliographic System and Services), his work exceeds 1,500 bibliographic units. He is the author or co-author of 17 scientific and 6 professional monographs, 38 original scientific and 16 overview articles, 39 independent scientific and 128 independent professional component parts or chapters in a monograph, 34 published scientific conference contributions (1.06 and 1.08), 26 encyclopaedia entries (among which an extensive entry on the last Balkan wars for the prestigious Encyclopaedia of Human Rights; Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 2009), and around 100 professional and more than 70 popular articles. His articles and books were published in different languages in more than 16 countries. Some of the most talked-about publications are: Obračun s Perspektivami [Confronting Perspectives] (Ljubljana 1990); »Liberalizem« v Sloveniji [“Liberalism” in Slovenia] (Ljubljana 1992); The Repluralization of Slovenia in the 1980s (co-author, University of Washington, Seattle 2000); Slovenci v osemdesetih letih [Slovenes in the Eighties] (Ljubljana 2001); Jutri je nov dan. Slovenci in razpad Jugoslavije [Tomorrow Is a New Day. Slovenes and the Disintegration of Yugoslavia] (Ljubljana 2002); Viri o demokratizaciji in osamosvojitvi Slovenije [Sources on the Democratisation and Attainment of Independence of Slovenia] (three volumes, Ljubljana 2002-2004); Oris sodobne obče in slovenske zgodovine [Outline of Contemporary General and Slovene History] (co-author, Ljubljana 2003); Rdeča Slovenija. Tokovi in obrazi socializma [Red Slovenia. The Currents and Faces of Socialism] (Ljubljana 2003); Prelom. Svet in Slovenci 1914-1918 [A Break. The World and the Slovenes 1914-1918] (co-author, Ljubljana 2005; the book was also published in the Russian translation in 2012); Wieser Geschichte, Europäischer Osten: Slowenien (co-author, Klagenfurt 2006); Kriza. Svet in Slovenci od konca prve svetovne vojne do srede tridesetih let [A Crisis. The World and the Slovenes from the End of World War I to the Middle of the Thirties] (co-author, Ljubljana 2008); Resistance, Suffering, Hope. The Slovene Partisan Movement 1941-1945 (co-author and co-editor, Ljubljana, Trieste 2008); Pred časom. Portret Staneta Kavčiča [Ahead of His Time. A Portrait of Stane Kavčič] (co-author, 2009); O feldmaršalu Svetozarju Boroeviću de Bojni [On Field Marshal Svetozar Boroević de Bojna] (co-author, 2010); Between myths and ideology: some views on Slovene contemporary historiography (Ljubljana 2010).

He was a visiting professor at Vytatus Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania, and he delivered guest lectures at other universities and institutes, such as the Universities of Vienna, Bratislava and Graz, Charles University in Prague and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim. He has often done research at the institutes Österreichisches Ost- und Südosteuropa-Institut in Vienna and Institut d’histoire du temps présent in Paris. He was the leader of the Slovene part of the Slovene-Macedonian research group which published the bilingual collection Slovenci in Makedonci v Jugoslaviji [Slovenes and Macedonians in Yugoslavia] (1999). For a while, he was also the leader of the Slovene part of the Slovene-Austrian commission, which issued the book Slovensko-avstrijski odnosi v 20. stoletju = Slowenisch-österreichische Beziehungen im 20. Jahrhundert [The Slovene-Austrian Relations in the 20th Century] (2004). He is currently participating in several international projects (Mauthausen Survivors Research Project, Historisch-Kulturwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Universität Wien; The Joint History Project: History of Southeast Europe since 1945, carried out by the Thessaloniki-based international non-governmental organisation Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe;

Varieties of Democracy, carried out by the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, and the Kellogg Institute at the University of Notre Dame, United States of America). Despite the fact that there is no comprehensive citation index in the field of the humanities, his distinguished position as a scholar can be demonstrated by partially accessible quotes. According to the online services Google Scholar, Web of Science (WoS) and Sistory, he has been quoted at least 170, 27 and 60 times respectively. According to WoS, his most quoted publications are the books Jutri je nov dan. Slovenci in razpad Jugoslavije [Tomorrow Is a New Day. Slovenes and the Disintegration of Yugoslavia] and Rdeča Slovenija [Red Slovenia], and the article Vloga slovenskega punka pri širjenju svobode v samoupravnem socializmu sedemdesetih [The Role of Slovene Punk in Spreading Freedom in the Self-Governing Socialism of the 1970s].

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