

# OUTLAW-HEROES ON THE PERIPHERY BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST: USKOKS AND HAJDUKS IN THE COLLECTIVE IMAGERY OF 19TH CENTURY CROATIA

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Dr. Nives Rumenjak holds a Ph. D. in History from the University of Zagreb. For eleven years she worked at the Croatian Institute of History in Zagreb, where she completed her longstanding prosopographical research on the Serbian elite in Croatia. Dr. Rumenjak's second book, *The Political and Social Elite of Serbs in Croatia at the End of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: The Rise and Decline of the Serbian Club*, is the most comprehensive work on this research, and is an important basis for her recent studies in modern national identities of the area.

Currently Dr. Rumenjak is a lecturer at the Community College of Beaver County and a Visiting Scholar at the University of Pittsburgh. Her most recent research interest includes the early nationalization of borderland communities and the role of borderland periphery in nation building of 19<sup>th</sup> century Central and South-East Europe. Within this framework Dr. Rumenjak's upcoming lecture at CREES will discuss the phenomenon of outlaw-heroes from the Croatian Military Frontier in the culture and society of 19<sup>th</sup> century Croatia.

