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### **Date of birth**

17th July 1978, Zadar, Croatia

### **Education**

- Graduate study: 1997–2001 – University of Split, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zadar, double-major graduate study of English Language and Literature and Geography (MA in English Language and Literature and MSc in Geography)
- Postgraduate study: 2002–2009 – University of Zagreb, Faculty of Sciences, Department of Geography (PhD in Geography)

### **Awards, scholarships**

- Rector's Award, University of Split, in 2000
- Frederic Grisogono Award of the Croatian Geographical Society – Zadar, in 2001
- Oxford Colleges Hospitality Scheme, in 2006 (one-month scholarship at St. John's College in Oxford)

### **Employment**

- University of Zadar, Department of Geography, since 2002

### **Scientific publications and conferences**

- List of published papers:
  - <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=VMCPMv0AAAAJ&hl=hr&oi=ao>
  - <https://www.croris.hr/osobe/profil/1969>
- Participated at over 30 scientific conferences

### **Project evaluation**

- Reviewed 47 proposals for Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe (MSCA call) since 2018 (reviewer and rapporteur)
- Member of the Panel for Social Sciences and Humanities of the Croatian Science Foundation, since 2024

### **Paper reviews**

- Reviewed over 50 scientific papers for scientific journals, proceedings and monographs

## **Editorships**

- Editor-in-Chief of *Geoadria* scientific journal 2011–2015
- Editor-in-Chief (with Lena Mirošević) of the Proceedings *Dalmatia in Space and Time – What is Dalmatia and What It Isn't?* University of Zadar, 2014
- Technical Editor of the monograph *Novigrad – Now and Then*, University of Zadar, Croatian Academy of Arts and Sciences, Matica hrvatska, Novigrad Municipality, 2016
- Editor-in-Chief of the Proceedings *Population between Borders and Territories: Challenges, Crises and Trends*, University of Zadar (forthcoming)

## **Leadership positions**

- Acting Head of Department of Geography, University of Zadar, 2011/2012
- Head of Department of Geography, University of Zadar, 2012–2014
- Deputy of the Acting Head of the Department of Geography, University of Zadar 2023/2024
- Co-director of the Postgraduate doctoral school *Adriatic – Link between the Continents*, since 2024

## **Committee and board memberships (selection)**

- Member of the Publication Committee of the University of Zadar, 2012–2016
- ECTS coordinator at the Department of Geography, University of Zadar, 2007–2012
- Member of the Quality Assurance Board at the Department of Geography, University of Zadar, 2010
- Member of the Working Group for Drafting the Proposal for the Immigration Policy Resolution of the Republic of Croatia –2022/2023

## **Projects**

- 2002–2007; research project associate, "Population and Settlement Trends in Dalmatinska Zagora (Southern Croatia)"
- 2008–2010; research project associate, "Demographic Features of Croatian Littoral and Islands"
- Associate at international project (ERASMUS+) – EU-CONEXUS – *European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability* 2019–2022
- Representative of the University of Zadar at the international project REDN-SESPA – *Research and Development Network for Southern Europe Sparsely Populated Areas*, 2021
- Team member for designing the *Strategy for the Development of Zadar Urban Area for the period 2021–2027*
- Associate at international project (ERASMUS+) – EU-CONEXUS PLUS – *European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability* (WP3), since 2024

## **Teaching activities**

Teaches several courses at undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate level at the University of Zadar, mentored 37 graduate theses, and currently mentors two doctoral theses.

### List of selected publications (last four years)

1. **Graovac Matassi, V.** (2024.): The impact of emigration on population decline in Croatia, *Journal of the Geographical Institute "Jovan Cvijić" SASA*, 74/2, 257–272. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2298/IJGI240212008G>
2. Sutlović, J., **Graovac Matassi, V.** (2023.): Long-term trends of infant mortality rates in post-socialist EU countries, *Acta Scientiarum Polonorum Administratio Locorum*, 22/4, 579–595. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.31648/aspal.8854> (corresponding author)
3. **Graovac Matassi, V.**, Josipović, D. (2023.): Different Demographic Pathways of Post-Socialist Transition: Mortality Trends in Croatia and Slovenia in the Time of COVID-19, *Razprave in gradivo, Revija za narodnostna vprašanja/Treatises and Documents, Journal of Ethnic Studies*, vol. 91, 115–138. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2478/tdjes-2023-0017>
4. **Graovac Matassi, V.**, Rogić, A. (2023.): Mortality Trends in Croatia in the First Two Decades of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, *Geoadria*, vol. 28, br. 1, 97–126. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15291/geoadria.4094>
5. **Graovac Matassi, V.**, Talan, A. (2021.): Recent Marriage and Childbearing Trends in Croatia and Slovenia – A Comparative Review, *Acta Geographica Slovenica*, 61/1, 25–40. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3986/AGS.8596>
6. Čuka, A., **Graovac Matassi, V.**, Blaće, A. (2020.): Emigration from Dalmatia (Croatia) to the United States from 1892 to 1924 – Analysis of the Ellis Island Database, *Društvena istraživanja: časopis za opća društvena pitanja*, 29/1, 49–69. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5559/di.29.1.03> (corresponding author)