

Kristijan Juran

Assistant Professor Kristijan Juran, PhD, was born on July 13 1974 in Beckum, Germany. He attended primary school in Murter and secondary school in Šibenik. In 1993 he enrolled in double-major study of history and art history at the Faculty of Philosophy in Zadar, from which he graduated on June 29, 2000 with the theme *Naseljenost šibenskog područja između kasne antike i ranog srednjovjekovlja* [*Population of the Šibenik Area Between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages – T/N*]. In 2002 he enrolled in postgraduate study of Croatian maritime history at the Faculty of Philosophy in Zadar. He passed his professional exam for teachers in primary and secondary schools in April 2004 in Petar Preradović Primary School in Zadar.

In June 2004 he became a research assistant on scientific project *Toponimija neistraženih sjevernodalmatinskih otoka* [*Toponymy of Unexplored North Dalmatian Islands*], with Vladimir Skračić, PhD, as principal investigator. He has worked as an assistant at the Centre for Adriatic Onomastic Research of the Zadar University since July 2005. Since January 2007 he is an associate of Professor Vladimir Skračić, PhD, in the scientific project *Onomastica Adriatica*. In academic years 2007-2009 he held elective courses of *Historical Toponymy in Dalmatia* and *Historical Anthroponymy in Dalmatia* at the Department of History, and elective course of *Croatian Historical Toponymy* at the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at the University in Zadar. In February 2009 he defended his doctoral thesis entitled *Otok Murter u razdoblju mletačke uprave 1412 – 1797* [*The Island of Murter in the Period of Venetian rule 1412 - 1797*] under the supervision of Professor Josip Vrandečić, PhD. In 2010 he was elected to scientific and academic position of Assistant Professor at the Centre for Adriatic Onomastic Research of the University of Zadar.

Since October 2012 he has been the Head of the Centre for Adriatic Onomastic Research, and, since February 2013, an employee of the Department of History at the University of Zadar, where he works as an Assistant Professor and holds courses in *Croatian History of Early Modern Period*. Areas of his scientific interest are rural communities (social relationships and structures, demography, anthroponymy) and land assets (topography, toponymy, ownership and legal issues) in the area of East Adriatic communes in late Middle Ages and early modern period. He published over 20 scientific and research papers and participated in nine scientific and professional conferences.