

Valentina Zovko

Valentina Zovko was born on September 26, 1984 in Zagreb. She completed her primary and secondary education in Đakovo. She graduated in history and Croatian language and literature from the Faculty of Philosophy at the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University in Osijek among the top 10% of students. The same year she enrolled the postgraduate doctoral study of history at Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb. She got her PhD degree in history in July 2012, by defending her doctoral thesis entitled *Uloga poklisara u širenju teritorija Dubrovačke Republike na zaleđe (krajem 14. i početkom 15. stoljeća)* [*The Role of Ambassadors in Territorial Spreading of the Dubrovnik Republic to Hinterland (in the late 14th and early 15th century)*]. The same year she was appointed a senior assistant, and in 2013 elected to the position of Senior Research Assistant.

She has received numerous awards and scholarships (Osijek-Baranja County, MSES, the Town of Đakovo, a finalist in the contest *Top scholarships for top students*). In 2008/09 she worked as a history teacher in the Oroslavlje Secondary School. Since 2009 she has been working as an Assistant Professor at the Department of History, University of Zadar.

She participated as a lecturer in several national and international scientific conferences. She is the author of several original scientific and professional papers and one historiographical display. She is also an associate in the project *Veza Dubrovčana i Europe u srednjem vijeku* [*Connections between Dubrovnik and Southeast Europe in the Middle Ages*]. She teaches seminars and courses in elective and compulsory courses in undergraduate and graduate programmes regarding the history of Croatia and Southeast Europe history in the Middle Ages. She speaks English, German, Italian and Latin. Her primary research interests include the history of the Mediterranean, history of diplomacy and religion, and medieval studies.