

EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

We are pleased to present the second 2019 issue of the journal *Acta Universitatis Carolinae – Studia Territorialia*. In it, you will find three original research articles from the field of contemporary history and developments of the nations of Europe and North America. All three published articles thematically center around public history, citizenship education and nation-building through reflection and reinterpretation of select key – and often disturbing – moments of the past.

The volume opens with an article on creating the modern political nation in Canada after 1867. In his historical account of Canadian citizenship and national identity, Raymond Blake traces the evolution of the prevalent identity narratives embracing the country's diversity in ethnicities, languages, and cultures.

The Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes – the predecessor of the state of Yugoslavia – faced similar challenges in its search for an inclusive national narrative after independence following the World War I. Paweł Michalak examines in what way the state propaganda of the ruling Karađorđević dynasty made use of the heritage of cohabitation of the South Slavic nations in the Napoleonic Illyrian Provinces. He focuses on the way this heritage was exploited in the school curricula of the interwar period and in the public activities of the pro-regime intelligentsia.

Finally, Katrin Antweiler presents inquiry into citizenship education in the Federal Republic of Germany. Relying on critical discourse analysis and exemplifying the activities of the Memorium Nuremberg Trials, a German public memory institution, she demonstrates to what extent the predominant national political discourse mirrors the tragic experience of the Nazi crimes against humanity and the memory of Holocaust.

Of note, public history is also the topic of the extensive report on the common German-Polish activities in restoring dilapidated cemeteries in the Polish region of Masuria, which was a part of Germany's East Prussia prior to 1945. In addition, this issue features the regular review column informing on the latest books in the field that may deserve attention of international readership.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing away of Professor Crister S. Garrett, long serving director of the Institute of American Studies at the Leipzig University and a member of the advisory board of our journal.

On behalf of the editorial board,

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