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Recent books

Altercations - essays on "totalitarianism", the "alternative", nationalism; Biblioteka XX vek, Belgrade, 1998 - in Serbian.

How Much Fascism? - essays on post-communist politics; Arkzin, Zagreb, 1998 - in Croatian.

Theory for Our Times. Levi-Strauss, Mauss, Durkheim - a historical and epistemological study in three retroactive movements; Magor, Skopje, 1999 - in Macedonian.

Encounters: histories, transitions, beliefs – essays on the theory of institution, nation, media, contemporary discursive practices, artistic practices and film; Panorama, Sofia, 2001 – in Bulgarian.

Three Theories - Ideology, Nation, Institution - a rationalised presentation of respective theories and their mutual articulation, with some historical, critical and actualistic digressions; *cf., Ljubljana, 1999 - in Slovene. (In Serbian: Center for Contemporary Art, Belgrade, 2003).

Theory for Politics – interventions on political issues, developing theoretical background for political activism and reflecting on concrete actions and activities; *cf., Ljubljana, 2003 – in Slovene.

Recent research

"Changing City Spaces: New Challenges To Cultural Policy in Europe", financed by the European Commission under the contract n. HPSE-CT-2002-00133, and co-ordinated by Prof. Ulrike H. Meinhof, University of Southampton. November 1, 2002 – November 30, 2005.

Conferences in 2005

"Regulation of the particular and its political consequences". International conference: *Conflicts, Law, and Constitutionalism*, Maison des sciences de l'homme, Paris, 16 – 18 February 2005.

Round table discussion: *Le partage de la raison*, Collège de philosophie, Paris, 19 February 2005.

International panel discussion: *Stanislav Skrabec and the discovery of the performative*. – University of the Littoral, Koper-Capodistria, 23 February 2005.

Visiting lecture: *Globalisation in historical context*, University "Paisiy Hilendarski", Plovdiv, 28 March, 2005.

Honorary lecture after the promotion to the doctorate "honoris causa": *The humanities and social sciences facing the present crisis of the university*, University "Paisiy Hilendarski", Plovdiv, 28 March.

Opening address: *L'oeuvre de Pierre Bourdieu dans la conjoncture épistémique contemporaine*, at the Conference *REFLEXIVITY, CRITIQUE AND ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT*, dedicated to the 75th birth anniversary of Pierre Bourdieu, Sofia, September 23, 2005. - Organized by: Institute for Critical Social studies at the Paisiy Hilendarski University of Plovdiv; the Critique & Humanism Foundation; Centre of Culture and Cooperation, French Institute of Sofia.

Lecture: *When politics is no more an art – does the art become politics?*, Mama, Centre for contemporary media and arts, Zagreb, 14 April 2005.

Postgraduate course: *Analysis of discursive formations*. Faculty of Philosophy and History, University "Paisiy Hilendarski", Plovdiv, 24 – 29 September, 2005.

Organised: International Conference: *Mobility and Solidarity in Contemporary Europe. Trans-Local Nexal vs. Nationally Contained Identitary Mechanisms of Social Cohesion*. – Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, 8 – 9 October.