

What and how do we know  
on The Dinaric Karst  
in its countries?

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# The Dinaric Karst

## The largest Europa's continuous karst unit

**Undoubtedly the leading phenomenon on a global scale**



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## The Dinaric Karst Values



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# Natural Values

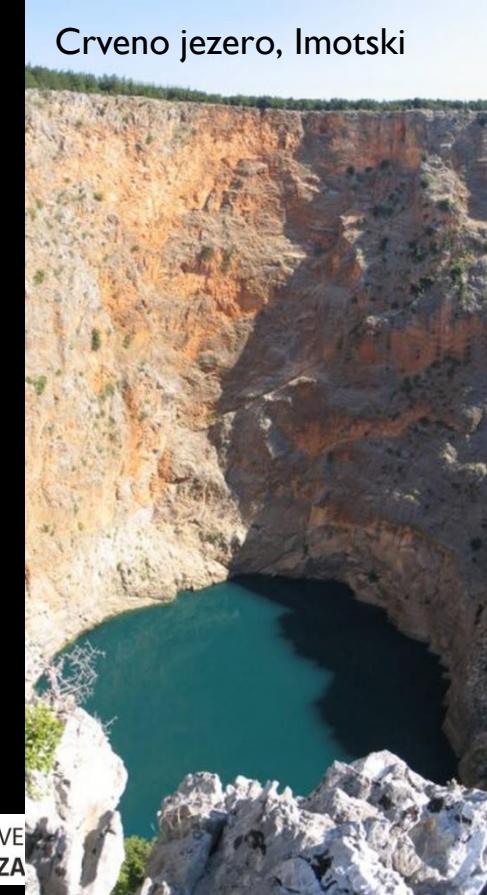
Morphological:  
Almost all karst  
forms are  
present

## DOLINES

Velika i  
Mala dolina



Crveno jezero, Imotski



Shallow dolines  
on Bravsko polje  
A. Mihevc



MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND DISTRIBUTION OF DOLINES IN SLOVENIA, A STUDY OF A LIDAR-BASED DOLINE MAP OF SLOVENIA

MORFOLOŠKE ZNAČILNOSTI IN PORAZDELITEV VRTAČ V SLOVENIJI, ŠTUDIJA VRTAČ NA OSNOVI LIDARSKIH PODATKOV

Andrej MIHEVC<sup>1</sup>, Rok MIHEVC<sup>2,\*</sup>

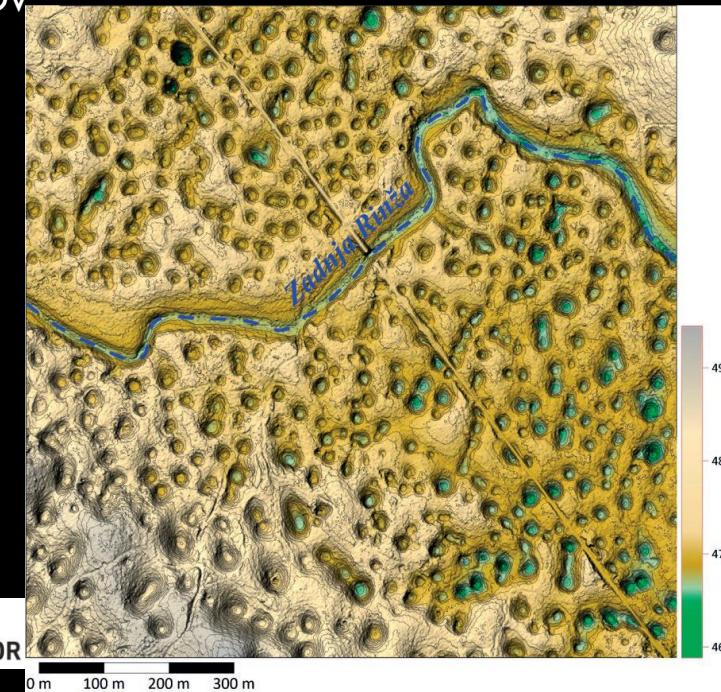
ACTA CARSOLOGICA 50/1, 11-36, POSTOJNA 2021

„We detected **471,192** dolines and divided them into three genetic types.

Most abundant are **solution** dolines (470,325).

The **average** doline is 9 m deep, has a diameter of 42 m and a volume of 14,098 m<sup>3</sup>.

The **density** of dolines on levelled surfaces can be as high as 500/ per km<sup>2</sup>“.



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## POLJES

The largest poljes

Ličko polje



Livanjsko polje



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The most famous / most researched poljes:

Cerkniško jezero



Popovo polje



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## KARST PLANES

Sjevernodalmatinska zaravan



Zaravan Trebinjska šuma & Hum



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## CAVES

The largest in DK:  
Crnopački šiplski sustav, Velebit, 56 km



The most famous: Postojnska jama



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## PONORS

Slivlja, Nikšićko polje



135  
 $m^3/s$

Biograd, Nevesinjsko polje

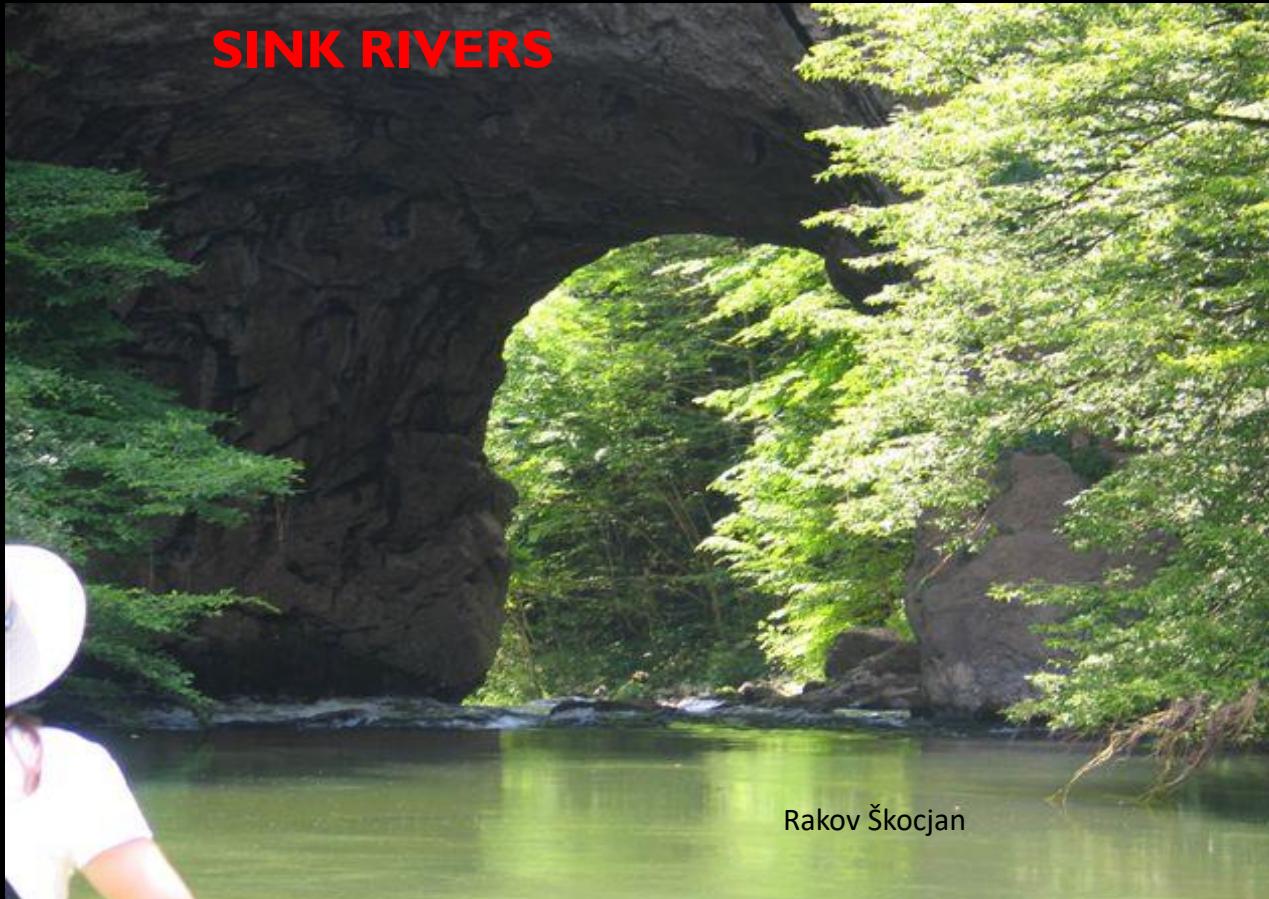
110  
 $m^3/s$



### Ljubljanica

- Trbušovica,  
Prezid
- Obrh, Loška  
dolina
- Stržen,  
Cerkniško  
polje
- Rak, Rakov  
Škocjan
- Pivka, Pivška  
kotlina
- Unica,  
Planinsko polje
- Ljubljanica,  
Vrhnika,  
->Sava

### SINK RIVERS



Rakov Škocjan

### Cetina

- Milač,  
Kupreško  
polje
- Šujica,  
Duvanjsko  
polje
- Ričina,  
Buško jezero
- Cetina,  
do  
Jadranskog  
mora kod  
Omiša

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## Plants:

Species / km<sup>2</sup>

Slovenija 0,158,\*

Albanija 0,105\*

BiH (0,076)\*\*

Hrvatska (0,075)\*

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\*(Nikolić 2001)

\*\*(Redžić 2008)

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## ZOO - Karst rivers fishes

SL: PRIMORSKI BLISTAVEC

ENG: ITALIAN STRIPED DACE

LAT: *Telestes muticellus* Bonaparte, 1837



*Telestes muticellus* 9,8 cm Nadiža



About 50 endemic fish species in the Adriatic basin

HR: PIJOR, SVIJETLICA

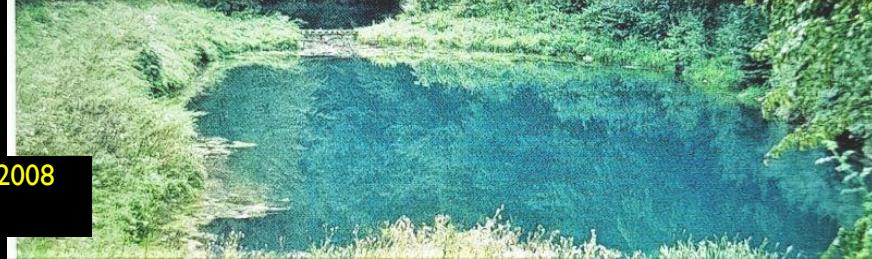
ENG: CROATIAN DACE

LAT: *Telestes polylepis* Steindachner, 1866



*Telestes polylepis* 10 cm Šmrtovo jezero

Zupančič 2008



casa

## Subterranean species



Photo A. Mihevc

TOR

## „Underground Galapagos”

Dinaric Karst:  
1240 subterranean sp.,  
450 aquatic i  
790 terrestrial (Sket 2004)

### Hot-spots

1. Postojna 117  
(Culver et al. 2021)
2. Vjetrenica 101  
(Ozimec & Lučić 2010)



EUNAPIUS SUBTERRANEUS: Jedina slatkovodna podzemna spužva na svijetu živi na području Ogulinsko - Plaščanske krške zaravni  
BRANKO JANIĆ



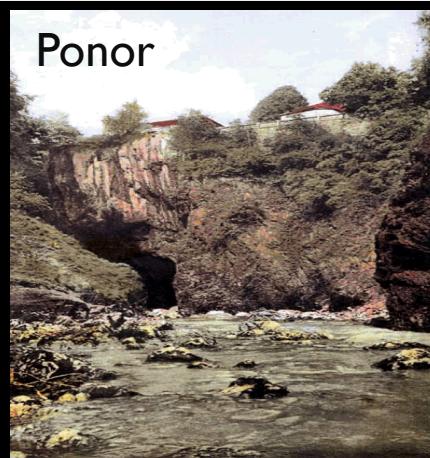
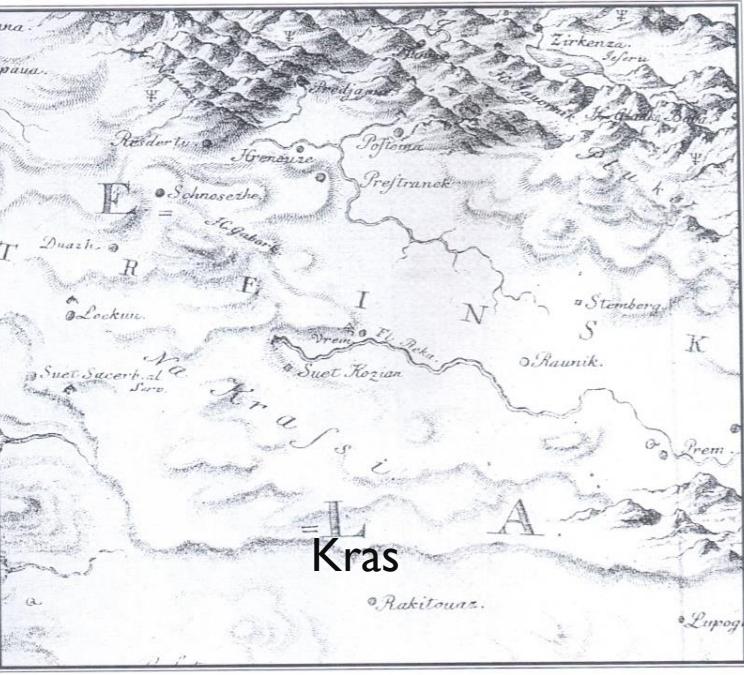
Marifugija

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### Research history = cultural history

- Karst first described in the Dinaric Alps
- a number of terms from karstology were named from South Slavic languages: polje, ponor, hum, kamenica, dolina.



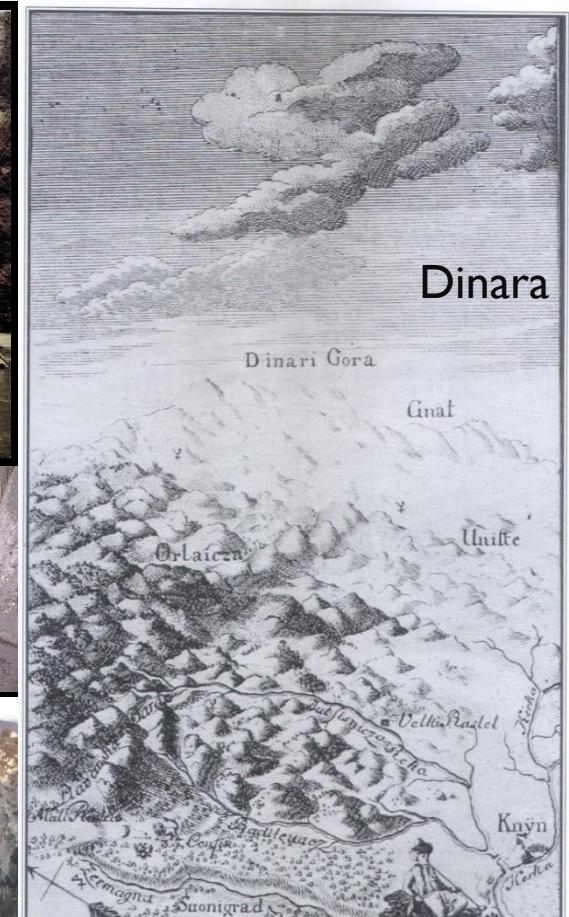
Ponor



Polje

Kamēnica

Dolina



Said on  
Dinaric  
Karst:

**W. White**

*The Dinaric Karst is indeed the **birthplace for the study** of karst and retains its unique status today. I view the Dinaric Karst as a **benchmark** against which other karst regions may be compared.*



**P. Williams**

*The Dinaric Karst will always be globally important because it is the **birth place** of scientific research on karst, being the region from which **many of the underlying concepts of karst** were derived.*



**W. Dreybrodt**

*The Dinaric karst, being **most spectacular**, is an excellent example.*



**D. Ford**

*All karstologists must see **two principal karst areas** before they die – the Dinaric karst and the South China karst.*



**A. Palmer**

*The Dinaric karst is **of great interest** to every serious karst researcher.*



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**What people  
knows exactly  
on these values?**



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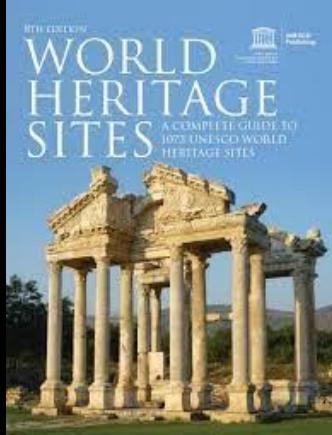
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No exist the empirical quantitative research.

Serial candidacy of the Dinaric Karst for the UNESCO World Heritage List show actual attitudes.

Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia have failed to do that – **March 2015**.



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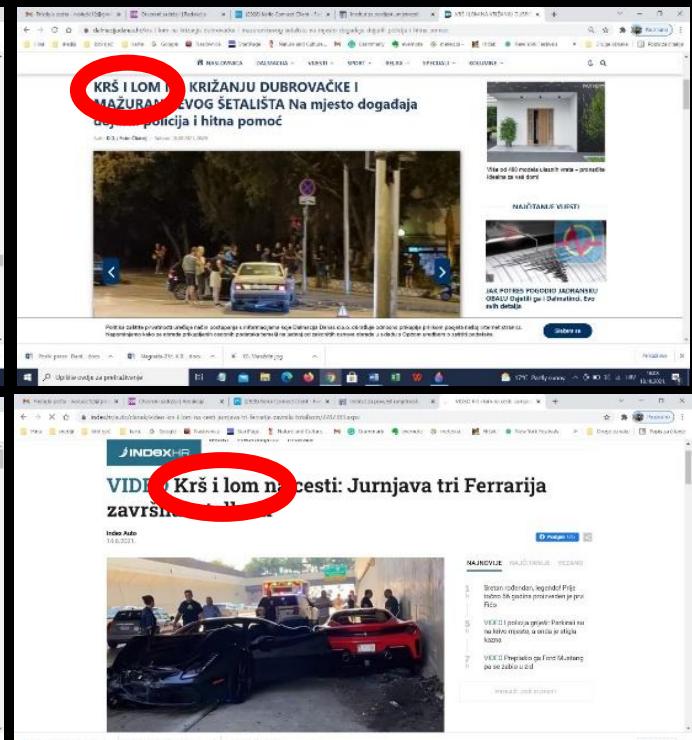
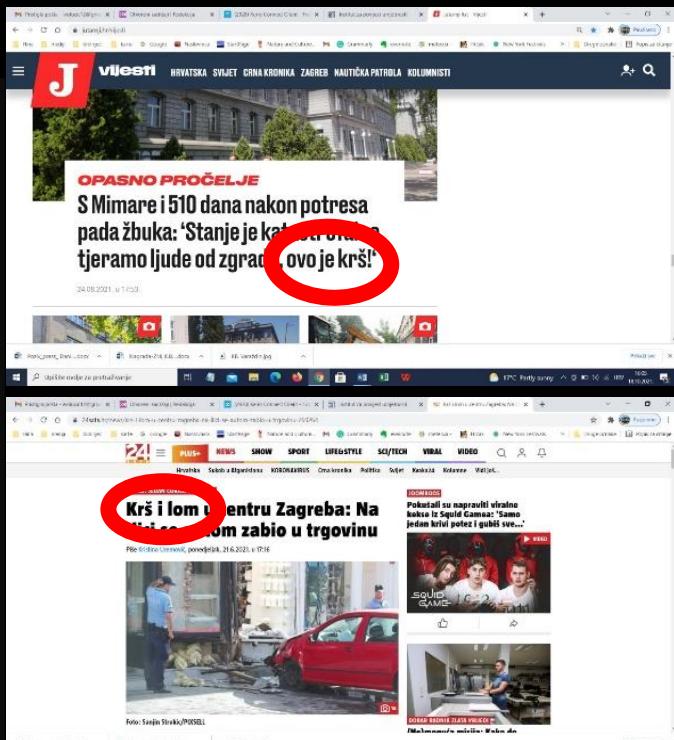
## UNESCO isključio nominaciju Dinarskog krša iz paketa projekata kojima daje podršku

Komitet za svjetsku baštinu UNESCO-a i službeno je isključio seriju nominaciju Dinarskog krša iz paketa deset pilot projekata kojima UNESCO pomaže u pripremi zbog izostanka napretka među zemljama članicama, objavljeno je na mrežnim stranicama UN-ove organizacije za obrazovanje, znanost i kulturu.



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What kind of cultural and scientific substrate of karst hides behind such an attitude?



## Approaches to the karst nature understanding:

**Normativistic:** in official use in education and laws. It starts from the assumption that way of nature understanding coincides with the empirically established facts.

**Constructivist:** a picture of the nature is constructions that depends on numerous cultural-historical and personal experiences of observers, so the reality for observers is what they think about a given phenomenon.



## Epistemologic remarks:

Nature itself - the biosphere - as well as the **Earth as a whole**, is quite insufficiently articulated and leaves many ambiguities (Marder 2020).

1. **mythological picture** of the world that still conditions our experiences of the world.  
Archetypes live in us! (Hillman 2013).
2. **natural sciences picture** - dismembered nature into its limited disciplines and expressions: timber, livestock, ore deposits...  
- „death of nature“ (Marchent 1989).

In the case of karst, all this is even more pronounced.



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## SOME MECHANISMS OF NATURE CONSTRUCTION

1. Worldviews
2. Cultural areas
3. Ideal-type models
4. Human Consciousness Project
5. Examples of individual phenomena



## I. Worldviews

- kind of global cultural lens
- (see Marchent 1989, Capra 1982)

### I. traditional or premodern or organic.



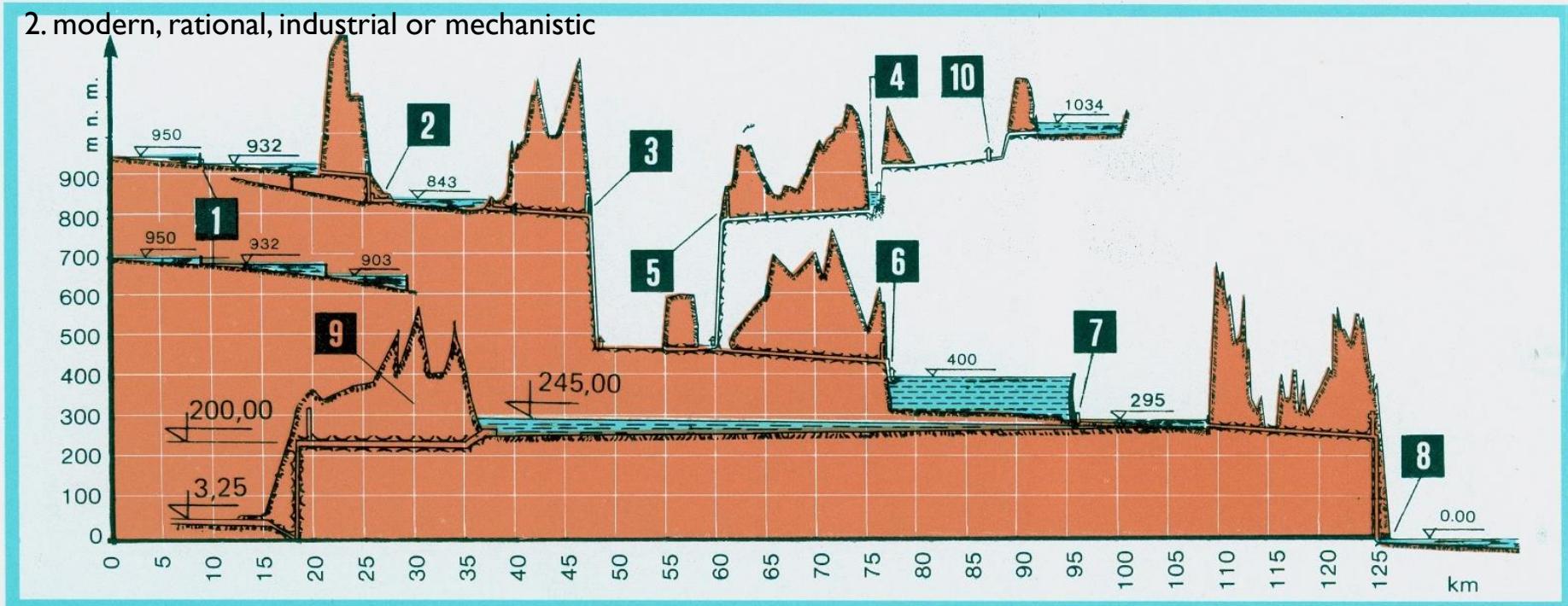
Ajvatovica, Prusac, BiH



## Worldviews:

2. modern, rational, industrial or mechanistic

Slika 11. PODUŽNI PROFIL POSTROJENJA U SISTEMU TREBIŠNJICE



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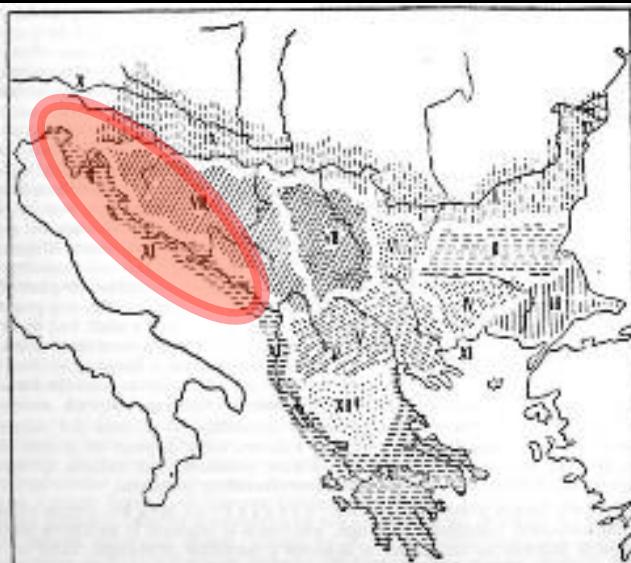
## Worldviews

3. postmodern  
or postindustrial  
or ecological



## II. Cultural areas

- some elements of traditional culture are more concentrated than in some other areas (Gavazzi 1978).
- Dinaric Karst cover:
- 1. „Dinaric cultural area“,
- 2. „Mediterranean cultural area“
- 3. „Alpine cultural area“.



### III. Ideal-type models

- „stone desert“,
- „passive land“,
- „land of graves“,
- „underworld“,
- „hajduk’s land“,
- „mechanistic picture“,
- „industrial picture“
- „hydroenergy picture“,
- „tourist postcard“,
- „wonderland“,
- „natural science picture“,
- „ecological picture“
- ...

## „Stone desert“

*Put s vrha Učke  
vodi kroz  
kamenu  
pustinju koja se  
može usporediti  
s Arabijom*

Balthasar Hacquet  
(1878)



*Da biste se  
prošetali  
njegovom  
površinom, ne  
trebate ići skroz  
do Mjeseca.  
Umjesto toga,  
uputite se na Krk,  
pa put Baške (...)  
kamena pustinja.*

Večernji list  
16.11.2020.

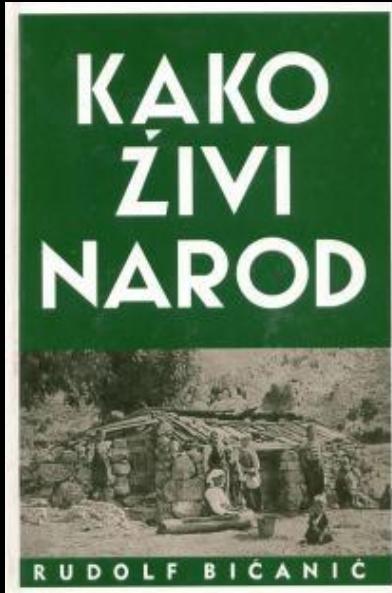
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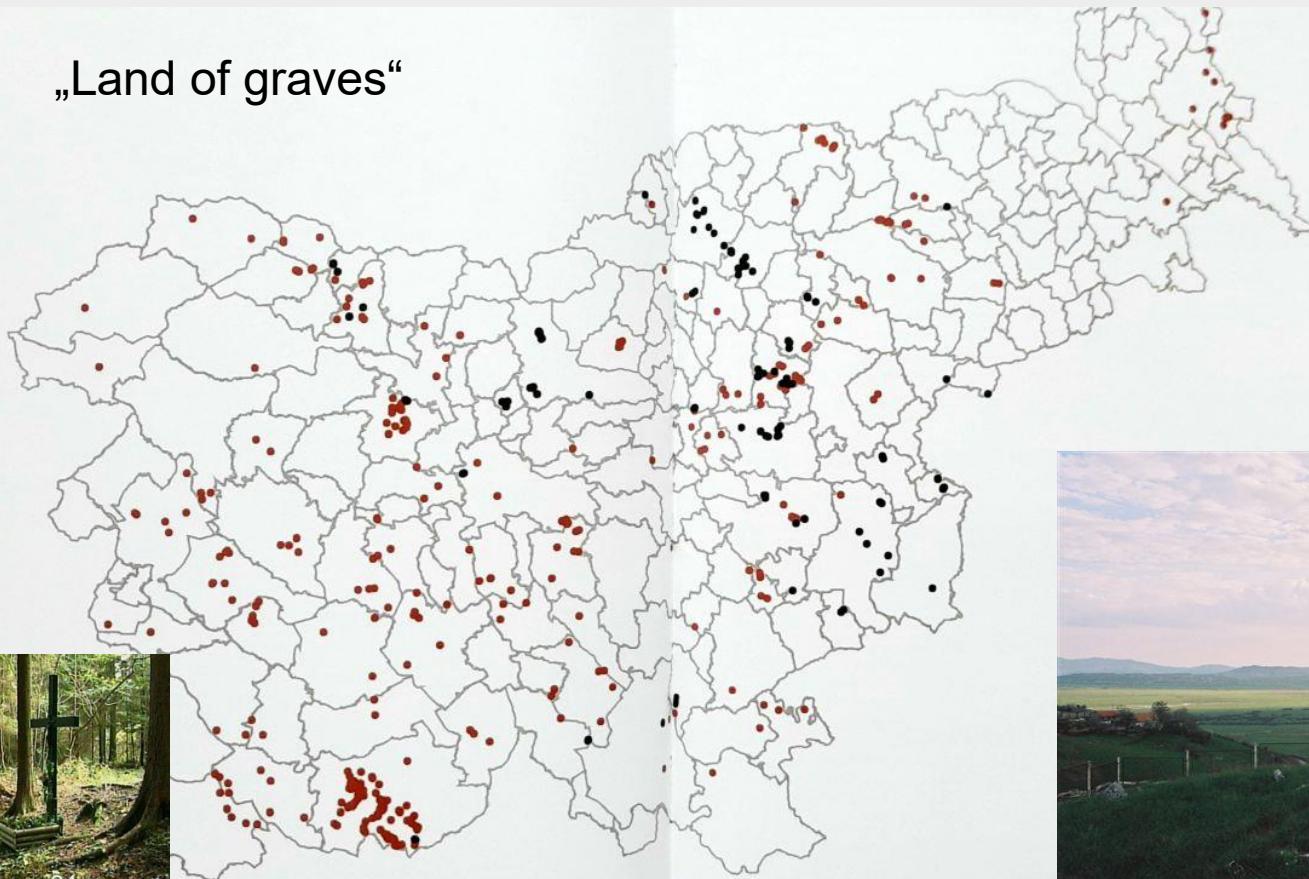
„Passive land“

"Passive land – land which does not bring profit, or which creates losses"

Croatian Encyclopedia



## „Land of graves“



24ur.com



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„Underworld“



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## „Hajduk's land”



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- „mechanistic picture“
- „industrial picture“
- „hydroenergy picture“



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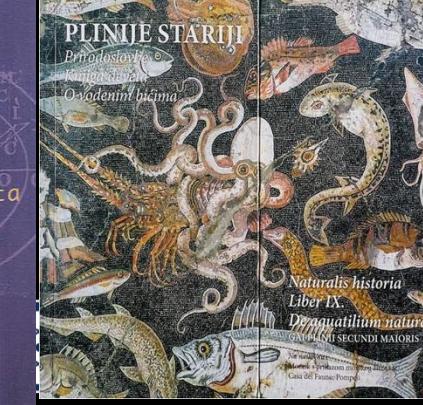
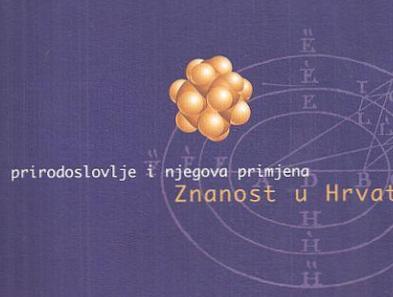
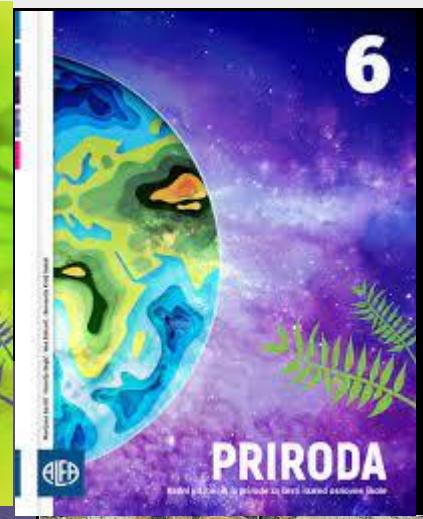
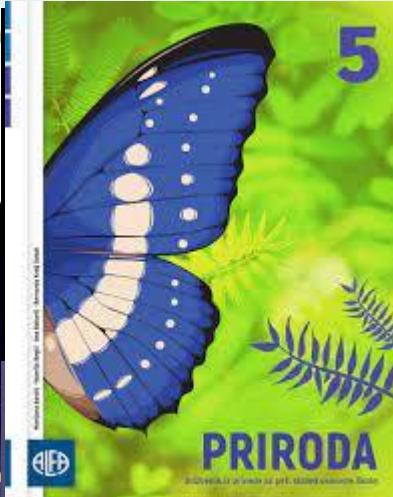
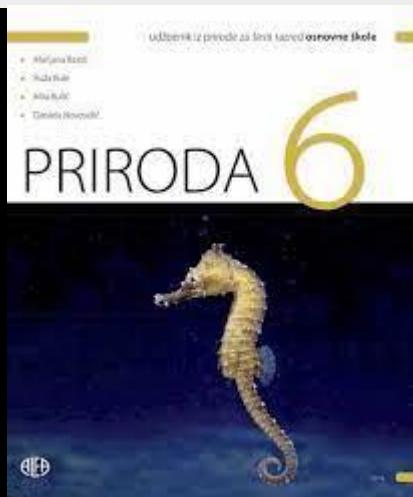
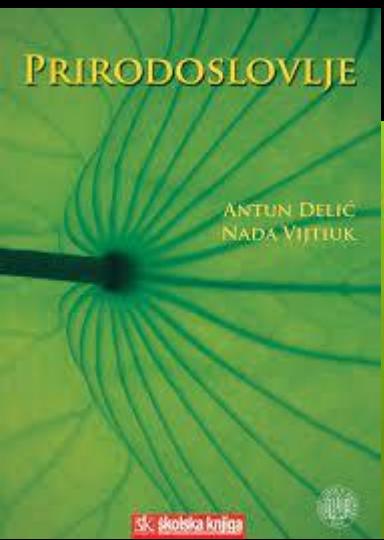
- „tourist postcard“,
- „wonderland“



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„natural science picture“



### Specific images of certaine phenomenon



„Holes in the ground“



**Mečenčani** / near Sisak after  
the earthquake:  
at least 92 new collapsed  
sinkholes and about 40 old  
ones



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NOVI 'GLOBUS'

## Podzemlje koje guta Baniju: Da, može se dogoditi da čovjeka iznenada 'proguta' zemlja

Globusovi reporteri obišli su s ekipom geologa i geotehničara selo koje strahuje da će nestati u utrobi zemlje

Piše: Boris Orešić Objavljeno: 24. veljača 2021. 07:56

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Tomislav Kristo/Croplix

Nikad uistru ne mogu znati gdje će dan završiti - priznaje nam dr.

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livisti Kućni ljubimci Hrvatska kakvu trebamo Mi brinemo Junior Idemo u školu  
Naslovnica Vijesti Hrvatska

POSLJEDICE POTHESA

## Zastrašujuća snimka iz Međenčana: Goleme rupe u zemlji se šire

Rupe su se počele stvarati nakon razornog potresa 29. prosinca

07. Siječnja 2021. U 15:19 | 29 KOMENTARA | 48536 PRIKAZA

NOV  
U PR



VO  
Što sve dor  
AK  
Kako je u Hr  
skup vlas  
aut  
Tekucina za  
ali ju ti

Rovan  
plijen  
Elektro  
Eny



Foto: Čitatelj

POGLEDAJTE GALERIJU 1/6



NERAZJAŠNEN MISTERIJ

## FOTO, VIDEO: RUPE U ZEMI, KOTVARA JU SE PO CIJELOMSVIJETU

PA I U HRVATSKOJ / Nestaju ljudi, ali i čitave zgrade.

AUTOR: Hina, Jutarnji.hr OBJAVLJENO: 03.03.2015. 0



Otvorila se rupa u zemlji široka 100 metara - 'Pitanje je vremena kada će cijelo mjesto 'pasti' u ponor'

Kijev, 01.05.2015., 19:20 - Novosti

Na prvu bi čovjek pomislio kako se radi o udaru meteora u Zemlju, no ono s čime se stanovnici svakodnevno bore, prema njima je mnogo gore od mete-

Podijeli 80 Sviđa mi se 60 Tvorac 5+ 0



RUPE U TLU

Ovjava: 4.3.2013 | 19:43

## Zašto se učestalo otvaraju rupe u tlu po Hrvatskoj, ali i svijetu?

Ne iznenaduje - Krško tlo kakvo je i u Hrvatskoj podložno je stvaranju jama. Jame su prirodan fenomen koji se rijetko vidi, ali se to događa. No nije mu se pridavala pozornost.



26. veljače - Zbog obilnih kiša kod Drniša se otvorila jama duboka 100 metara

Foto: Duško Jaramaz/PIXSELL

Šta uzrokuje vrtače?  
Duhovna perspektiva

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PRNJAVOR

## Najezda zmija na kuću tročlane porodice



SRNA

16.06.2009.

27

0

komentara

dijeljenja

&lt; Povratak na članak

PREDVODIO HODOČAŠĆE

### Bozanić u Mariji Bistrici: Zmije otrovnice grizu naš hrvatski narod

- Ne dopustimo da nas obmanu postupci kao što su: nekažnjavanje prekršaja u korištenju službenih institucija za osobnu ili skupnu korist i druga zla koja se olako prikrivaju i kao posljedica imaju neprestano širenje pomutnji i gubitak povjerenja.

14. RUJNA 2014. | 14605



Tročlana porodica Milinović je primjereno učela Goranii Crastiti da doživjele je

NA RUBU ISTREBLJENJA

Objava: 17.10.2011 | 16:00

## Vukopas: Križanci vuka i psa siju strah u dalmatinskom zaledu

Od pet križanaca iz prirode, četiri su bila iz Dalmacije i jedan iz Like. Pojava križanaca u Hrvatskoj upozorava na narušenu socijalnu strukturu vukova, upozorava dr. Jasna Jeremić



Foto: Željko Mršić/PIXSELL

AUTOR:  
Andrina Luić/VLM

Ovoljetnu sušu, koja je nanijela velike štete poljoprivrednicima, ovčarima i uzgajivačima krupne stoke, pamtiće i sudska vještakinja za procjenu šteta od predatora mr. Ana Grgas. Na području koje "pokriva", a to je Zadarska županija, od srpnja do rujna

## Pojava „vukopasa“ u Dalmaciji 2008-2014.

SPLIT SPLIT ZUPANIJA DUBROVNIK SIBENIK ZADAR

Dalmacija &gt; Split županija

PRIJETINU STANOVNIŠTVA © 18.05.2015. | 08:45

Dalmatinskom zagorju hraraju vukopasi, lovac Ivica Buljubašić: Te su beštije strojevi za ubijanje



OD ŠEST ZNANSTVENO DOKAZANIH PRIMJERAKA MJЕŠАНCA DOMАCE I DIVLJE BEŠTJE, ČAK ĆETIRI SE ŠETAJU PO SELIMA NEDALEKO OD SPLITA

BICE IZ LEGENDI - POSTOJI! Vukopas je u Dalmatinskoj zagori domaća životinja (FOTO)



The karst underground is a depot of our fears

Belarusian curse:

"If I perished through the earth" and  
the scariest: "If your mother earth wouldn't carry you"  
(Katičić 2014)

It is the opening of the underworld, the world of hell that  
will swallow you up immediately or the monsters that will  
conquer you will come out of it.

Pit mass graves



## NP Kornati

- natural history picture
- tourist postcard
- the land of graves



Goran Šafarek  
Photography and Cinematography  
[www.safarek.com](http://www.safarek.com)



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TRILOBITES

## *In a Slovenian Cave, Hoping for a Batch of Baby 'Dragons'*



A female olm, sometimes called a "baby dragon," pictured with one of its eggs at the Postojna Cave in Slovenia. Iztok Medja

By Nicholas St. Fleur

Feb. 5, 2016



## Proteus

## OLM - MEET THE BABY DRAGONS

*In January 2016, a fairy tale became reality: the news that the eggs of dragon's offspring had been laid spread around the world.*

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OLMS

DIARY



Creatures resembling dragons dwell deep within the caves of Slovenia. And now with the help of biologists, a new brood is set to hatch at an unusual aquarium, accessible by underground train.

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## Conclusion

Public awareness of the Dinaric Karst in the territory of its countries is different, but often deficient:

- a) there is no widespread modern ecological-anthropological concept of karst;
- b) among the inhabitants of the Dinaric Karst south of Kupa river there is no awareness of this unique geo-ecological unit, but it is often considered Dinaric cultural area or only parts of the karst in some countries. It is understandable because the Dinaric Karst is a scientific and not a geographical term;
- c) it is not clear who or what could take an important step in overcoming these shortcomings.



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## Suggestions:

- Only a scientifically holistic and territorially holistic approach comes into play.
- Poor infrastructure. Only the IZRK is institution completely dedicated to karst research, but it is only natural science, mostly geoscience oriented.
- IZRK should launch projects of territorial and interdisciplinary integration of care for the Dinaric Karst



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Thank you!!!

A new spark of karstology  
needs to be ignited!  
- Holistic karstology!



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