



## INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC-PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE CROATIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ABROAD: EXPLORING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the international scientific-professional conference **CROATIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ABROAD: EXPLORING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE** organised by the **Faculty of Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb**, to be held on **3 and 4 November 2025**.

The aim of the conference is to address topics concerning Croatian diaspora issues, collective components of national identity, with a special emphasis on Croatian as a second and foreign language (L2) and the importance of preserving the Croatian language and culture abroad. The conference will scientifically and professionally examine issues that require an interdisciplinary approach. The goal is to bring together scientists in the fields of humanities, social sciences and interdisciplinary sciences, representatives of the executive power, teachers of the Croatian language and culture, as well as language experts in order to, with their scientific and professional presentations and papers, contribute to exploring issues of the Croatian language and culture abroad, discuss organisational, professional and cultural challenges, as well as prospects of maintaining and preserving the teaching of the Croatian language, culture and identity in Croatia and abroad.

### **The conference will have four (4) thematic units:**

- Croatian National Identity and Its Components
- Croatian as a Second and Foreign Language in Croatia and Abroad
- Croatian Diaspora Issues
- Croatia in the Context of Economic and Demographic Changes

### **Co-organisers:**

- Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Department of Philological Sciences, Croatia
- Croaticum, Institute for Slavic Studies, University of Regensburg, Germany
- Faculty of Education, University of São Paulo, Brazil
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Croatian Language and Literature, University of Pécs, Hungary
- Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto, Canada
- Centre for German and European Studies, University of Zagreb, Croatia
- Croatian Heritage Foundation, Croatia

### **Sponsors:**

- Central State Office for Croats Abroad
- Ministry of Science, Education and Youth

**Key dates and additional information** are available on the conference website: <https://hrjik.fhs.hr/>

