

Dalmatian Grammarians of the 19th Century (DALGRA19)

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Project timeframe: January 2025. – December 2026.

Project goal:

The aim of this project is to reconstruct and describe some of the Dalmatian grammars of the 19th century. The focus of interest of linguists, in the context of the 19th century, was mainly directed towards the northern part of Croatia, where most of the lexicographic and grammatical work took place. However, the result of such an approach is reflected in the large number of grammarians originating from Dalmatia or whose work took place in Dalmatia, who have remained unexplored. As part of this project, it will not be possible to describe the grammatical activities of all Dalmatian grammarians of the 19th century, as their number is still too large, but the research focus will be on Ivan Danilo (1820–1895) and his two conceptually opposite grammars (*Grammatica della lingua illirica* (1855) and *Slovnica za srednja učilišta* (1873)), Šima Starčević (1784–1859) and part of his manuscript legacy, and the undescribed works of the great linguist Ante Kuzmanić (1807–1879). This type of project research will coincide in several of its stages with the strategic documents of the Faculty of Philosophy, for the most part with the Development Strategy. Namely, this project proposal corresponds to the goals of strategic area 5.1. Study programs, teaching and students, because upon completion of the project, a course will be designed that will thematize Dalmatia and Dalmatian grammarians of the 19th century. Such a course is necessary for Split Croatian Studies in order to differentiate it from other Croatian studies in Croatia, but also to create additional local and regional value for all students studying at the Faculty of Philosophy in Split. The project proposal also meets the goals of the strategic area 5.2. Science and research because it summarizes interdisciplinary research activities, from the historical and cultural aspect, to the popularization of the Mediterranean understanding of Dalmatia, to the professional linguistic elaboration of the topic. The formal results of this project in the form of a monograph, scientific papers, doctorates and exhibitions that are planned to be held will improve and strengthen not only the department's scientific activity but also the faculty's as a whole. It should be noted that the topic is closely related to the local and regional community, therefore it fits into the strategic goals that strive for closer cooperation between the Faculty and cultural and educational institutions of the local community. One of the goals is to present the project at the upcoming Rijeka Philological Days, where the project participants will hold a panel with lectures on the topic of 19th-century Dalmatian grammarians

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