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**International Student Conference Roaming Anthropology IV**  
**“Tito - an Old Icon with New Contexts”**  
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The Roaming Anthropology IV Conference came as an extension of the idea of ethnology and anthropology students from Belgrade for the creation of a student network among ethnology and anthropology students from Belgrade, Zagreb, Ljubljana and from Skopje. The Nova Gorica (Republic of Slovenia) conference came at the end of April, following the two conferences in Belgrade (Republic of Serbia) and the one in Ohrid (Republic in Macedonia). Slovenian undergraduate and postgraduate students decided that the central title of the new conference shall be in the context of the former shared state, SFRJ, and the symbols connected with it: *Tito - an Old Icon in New Contexts*.

According to the Slovenian students, the title was developed for its actuality and for the presence which is displayed to this day. Namely, Tito's figure is present on the stage in all former Yugoslav republics, in spite of the changes in the political system and the collapse of SFRJ, which makes it interesting to research and follow-up on the functioning of this post-socialist period, particularly from the aspect of ethnology and anthropology.

The goal of the students from all four ethnology and anthropology departments was to carry out research in their own communities and to present them at the conference. These students' studies, i.e. their papers are going to be published in a collection by the end of 2006. The topics discussed at the conference included: Yugo-nostalgia - the myth of the Golden Era; Yugo-nostalgia in Slovenia; The Vinca letter; “Comrade Tito, you have our word” - the song at the celebration of the Youth Day in Kumrovec in 2004; He is making a fuss again; Tito from the neighbourhood; Propaganda texts at Goriska; Political myths coming from the concept of SFRJ: Mira Markovic's mythology; Where are the monuments?; <http://www.tito.nostalgija.com/unizam>; The issues in Slovenia's state symbols; Tito in Slovenian history books through the examples of the 80's and the 90's; The ethnographic video: Tito's graffiti written in stone, etc. In addition to the students' participation, mentors prof. Rajko Mursic, Ph.D., ass. prof. Sasa Nedeljkovic, Ph.D and ass. Davorin Trpeski, M.A. also made their contributions to the conference.

On the closing day of the conference, the participants picked Sarajevo, Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to be the venue of their next conference, Roaming Anthropology V, which is going to be organised by ethnology and anthropology students' clubs and associations from Ljubljana, Zagreb, Belgrade and Skopje, with their ethnology and anthropology departments.