

# Bogoslovni vestnik

## General Presentation

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### Origin and mission

*Bogoslovni vestnik* (*Theological Quarterly*, abbreviated *BV*) is the academic journal of the Faculty of Theology of the University of Ljubljana. Theology studies began in Ljubljana in 1619. In 1919 the Faculty of Theology was one of the co-founders of the University of Ljubljana, and maintains this membership today.

This journal was first published in the academic year 1920/21 when it succeeded the scholarly journal *Voditelj v bogoslovnih vedah* (*Guide to Theological Sciences*), published between 1898 and 1916. In the Communist regime, publishing of *BV* was prohibited for 20 years (1945–1965). Nevertheless, *BV* is the oldest Slovenian scholarly journal in the field of the humanities.

The journal methodically publishes the results of the researchers of the region, which is a meeting place of:

- three different *linguistic areas* (Slavonic area, especially the countries of the former Yugoslavia; Germanic area, with which Slovenia was notably connected at the time of the Hapsburg monarchy; and Romance area, in particular the present Northern Italy with Aquileia, wherefrom Slovenians received Christianity)
- different *confessions* (Catholicism, Protestantism, Orthodoxy)
- different *religions* (Christianity, Islam)
- different *geopolitical* regions (the border of European Union)

Hence, the journal has always carried out its multicultural, religiously pluralistic and ecumenical mission. Among the academic institutions the Faculty of Theology of the University of Ljubljana has a closer collaboration with are theological faculties in Regensburg and Tübingen (Germany), Graz and Innsbruck (Austria), Belgrade (Serbia), Zagreb, Djakovo and Rijeka (Croatia), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina; Faculty of Islamic Studies, Catholic Faculty of Theology), Warsaw and Krakow (Poland), Sankt Petersburg (Russia), Rome and Udine (Italy).

## **Contents**

*BV* publishes papers from the fields of humanities and social sciences. From the very beginning the journal has been publishing papers with original scientific findings in theology, philosophy, religious studies and classical philology. Besides, the journal is intensively developing an interdisciplinary connection of theology with social sciences, especially law, sociology, psychology and family therapy.

The Faculty places strong emphasis on research into ethics and Biblical tradition. The former group deals with modern ethical problems that are once a year presented at an international congress (in Celje, Slovenia), the latter researches into general biblical issues (transformation of biblical names in different languages, the development of biblical literary forms etc.) and especially into the Biblical translation tradition in the Slovenian language. Historically biblical translations were the image and measuring instrument for the development of the Slovenian language, to the extent that the Bible has been the basis of the Slovenian language.

Some papers are more important nationally than internationally since they deal with a specific, but important problem on the national level, while others are also important internationally. The editors try to find a right balance between nationally and internationally important contents.

## **Authors**

From the very beginning, the journal has been publishing the discoveries of the most prominent Slovenian theologians, philosophers and other humanists, who studied in university centers worldwide: Europe (Rome, Paris, Leuven, Vienna, Innsbruck, Munich etc.), America (Chicago, Montreal, Buenos Aires) and elsewhere (Israel). Therefore the journal has had a decisive influence on the development and internationalisation of humanities in Slovenia.

The domestic authors are primarily from the Faculty of Theology, among them some internationally renowned specialists from the fields of theology, philosophy or biblical studies. The articles are also results of research work carried out by the twelve institutes of the Faculty of Theology. Researchers from other Slovenian academic institutions, who deal with religious issues, publish in *BV* as well. Thus, *BV* connects different research themes from the fields of humanities, social sciences, and arts that are dealt with at the University of Ljubljana.

In addition to publishing domestic authors, *BV* also opens its door to the international scientific community. In the past two years the following names can be noted: Jean Greisch (Paris/Berlin), Dietmar Mieth (Tübingen), Hanna Barbara Gerl-Falkovitz (Dresden), Jürgen Moltmann (Tübingen), Priamo Etzi (Rome), Cardinal Franc Rode (Rome), Heinz-Meinolf Stamm (Rome), Rémi Brague (Paris/Munich), Radovan Bigović (Belgrade) and others. Over the last 3 years, *BV* has published articles of authors from eight different countries namely: Austria, Belgium, France, Croatia, Italy, Latvia, Germany, Serbia, USA.

The percentage of articles accepted for publication in this journal ranges from about 80 to 90%. *BV* is open to unsolicited contributions.

### **Language**

In their essence, humanities are connected with the language of the environment. Hence, the main part of the journal space is always given to articles in Slovenian language. Especially with a language spoken by barely 2 million people – the number of inhabitants of Slovenia – it is important to pay special care to the home language. *BV* has played an important role in this respect. Its collaborators were authors of linguistically influential dictionaries and encyclopedias. Nevertheless, the journal also published articles in foreign languages (Latin, French). In accordance with the modern internationalisation trends, *BV* gives up to one third of its space to articles in foreign languages (articles in English, German, French, Spanish, and Italian).

### **Basic publishing standards**

The journal maintains all standards of critical scientific publishing:

- Peer review by scholars in the field (two reviewers – experts in the field)
- Abstracts of each article and its key words in Slovenian and English as well as the language of the paper
- Keeping records about receiving and accepting the papers
- Completed bibliographic information for all cited references; system of citations, based on *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th Ed.
- A scholarly council consisting of internationally recognized theologians and philosophers of Slovenian origin: Jože Bajzek SDB (Rome), Metod Benedik OFM<sup>Cap</sup> (Ljubljana), Martin Dimnik CSB (Toronto), Janez Juhant (Ljubljana), Jože Krašovec (Ljubljana), France Oražem (Ljubljana), Viktor Papež OFM (Rome), †Jože Plevnik SI (Toronto), Jure Rode (Buenos Aires), Marko I. Rupnik SI (Rome), Anton Stres CM (Ljubljana), Rafko Valenčič (Ljubljana), Karel Woschitz (Graz)
- An editorial board consisting of lecturers of the Faculty of Theology and other faculties of the University of Ljubljana
- Timeliness of publication (March / June / September / December)
- Full address information for every author
- The journal is freely available online (<http://www.teof.uni-lj.si/BV.html>)

### **Inclusion in databases**

*BV* is indexed in four international data bases:

- Religious and Theological Abstracts
- Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus
- Periodica de re Canonica
- Canon Law Abstracts
- ERIH – European Reference Index for the Humanities

**Audience**

Each issue of the journal numbers 650 copies, about 100 copies sent to theological and other libraries in Europe and beyond, the rest sent to individual subscribers. The percentage of journal subscriptions from outside the country is about 20%.

The journal is chiefly aimed at scholars, researchers and students in the field of theology, philosophy and religious studies as well as in some other fields of humanities and social sciences.