

Short *curriculum vitae* of Prof. Darko Tanasković

Prof. Darko Tanasković, oriental philologist, islamologist, and diplomat, was born on January 4, 1948 in Zagreb. He graduated from the classical high school in Belgrade (1966). Then, he graduated in Oriental Philology (1970) and earned his Master's degree (1972) and his Doctor's degree (1979) at the Faculty of Philology of the University of Belgrade. His doctoral dissertation was *Arabic language in modern Tunisia – diglossia and bilingualism*. At the same faculty, at the Department of Oriental Studies, as an Assistant, Docent, Associate and Full Professor, he taught several subjects in the fields of Arabic Studies, Turkology, and Islamology. He retired in 2018. He published over 800 scientific and professional works in the field of broadly understood Orientalism, including the books: *Arabic Poetry* (1977), *Sufism* (with I. Šop, 1981, 2012), *Arabic Language in Contemporary Tunisia* (1982), *Contrastive Analysis of the Arabic and Serbo-Croatian languages* (1982), *In Dialogue with Islam* (1992), *Turkish-Serbian Dictionary* (with S. Đinđić and M. Teodosijević, 1997), *In the East of the West* (with M. Jevtić, 2000), *Islam and Us* (2000), *Southeast Serbia: Continuity of the Crisis and Possible Outcomes* (with a group of authors, 2001), *Grammar of the Arabic Language* (with A. Mitrović, 2005), *Islam: Dogma and Life* (2008, 2018), *Autonomy of Opinion* (with M. Jevtić, 2009, 2016), *Neo-Ottomanism* (2010, 2011, 2015), *The Pigeon That Didn't Become a Bird* (2012), *Marks of Time* (2014), *From Day to Day* (2015), *From Neo-Ottomanism to Erdoganism* (2016), and *Deserted Turkey* (2021).

He taught by invitation at the universities in Sarajevo, Skopje, Algiers, Tripoli, and Rome as well as at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences [École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)], in Paris (1984). In 1995, he was elected to the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (Academia Scientiarum et Artium Europea, Salzburg). He is a Corresponding Member of the Turkish Language Association (Türk Dil Kurum), in Ankara (2000), a Foreign Member of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of the Republic of Srpska (2015), and a Member of the Scientific Society of Serbia (2016).

From 1995 to 1999, he served as the Ambassador of the FR Yugoslavia in Turkey, and in 1998 and 1999 in Azerbaijan too. From 2002 to 2008, he was the Ambassador of the FR Yugoslavia to the Holy See and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. From 2015 to 2018, he was the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia at UNESCO, in Paris. He was a Member of the Mixed Orthodox-Catholic Commission for the Joint Consideration of the Personality and Work of Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac (2016–2017). In February 2019, the Government of the Republic of Srpska appointed him as a Member of the International Commission for the Investigation of Suffering of the Serbs in Sarajevo from 1992 to 1995.

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