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Medieval Motifs on Croatian Post Mostar Postage Stamps in a Culture of Remembrance

Summary

The authors analyze the role of postage stamps with medieval motifs in the culture of collective remembrance. The analysis encompasses stamps which were issued by Croatian Post Mostar (HP Mostar) in the period from 1993 to the end of 2021. Of a total of 590 postage stamps issued by HP Mostar (both regular and occasional), 32 contained medieval motifs or titles. The paper does not devote attention to analyzing the graphic representations on the stamps or the ideal solutions of the depicted motifs, but concerns itself with the importance of the motif (person, place, event, monument and the like) for the collective identity of the community.

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