

Ritual Practices in Slovenia – from Description to Analysis

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(Summary)

The author analyses some of the most prominent views on ritual practices in Slovenia in the past two centuries, as far as 1950s when the most important Slovenian researcher of ritual practices Niko Kuret (1906–1995), an associate at the Institute of Slovenian Ethnology, began exploring customs and traditions in a scientific way. Beginning with the treatise “Aus der Maskenwelt der Slowenen” (1955), a dissertation on the Zilja valley quintana custom and its European framework (published 1963) and his “Praznično leto Slovencev” (The Festive Year of the Slovenians) (1965–1971), he studied rituality and a specific phenomena in particular – the annual customs and traditions in a way that was systematic and comparable to research done in other European countries.