

Editors' Preface

It is with a sense of joy and pride that we offer to the reading public a new collection of occasional essays, which have one thing in common—they represent work from within the field of American Studies or at the intersections where it cross-fertilizes with other disciplines and orientations in the humanities and social sciences.

As we announced at the launching of the e-publication *Working Papers in American Studies*, our primary concern is to provide a widely and freely accessible platform for presenting the work of Croatian and international American Studies scholars. We are happy to continue with that commitment in our second volume. The essays collected here grew out of the presentations in the third annual American Studies Workshop held in Zagreb on October 3, 2015, entitled “Quarter of a Century after the Fall of the Berlin Wall: Perspectives and Directions in Croatian and Regional American Studies.” Therefore, all but the last text in this collection engage with the complex and wide problematic of postsocialism by taking into account its American(ist) aspects. The last text is an exception: starting from this volume, we will also offer a slot in *WPAS* for the pre-doctoral work of our younger colleagues.

We would like to express our gratitude to the contributors who joined in the debate, as well as to all the participants in the event.

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