

(...) Hrvoje Kačić was in an exceptional position. An independent in politics - thus owing his allegiance to Croatia rather than to any political party he shows in this volume his independence of spirit time and again. He was often in Dubrovnik, usually accompanying heads of state, foreign ministers, ambassadors and diplomats, people like Sir Fitzroy MacLean and Bernard Kouchner, but also in Zagreb, Belgrade, the Hague, talking to the European Parliament, to parliamentarians of the NATO countries, to the Council of Europe, to Cyrus Vance, even to generals in the JNA and much, much more. He took every opportunity to argue, to explain, to correct misapprehensions. A "roving ambassador" in every sense; for Croatian in general and Dubrovnik in particular. (...) From FOREWORD by K. V. Willkes

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## Dr. Ivo Pilar



(\* 19 June 1874, Zagreb; † 3. September 1933, Zagreb)

A respected attorney in Sarajevo, Tuzla and Zagreb; politician, publicist, sociologist, and the father of Croatian geopolitical science.

Having studied law in Vienna and Paris, Pilar practiced law in Sarajevo, Tuzla and Zagreb until his unexplained and Questionable "suicide" in 1933. He was the founder of the Croatian National Union for Bosnia and Herzegovina (1910). During the First World War he advocated retaining the integrity of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, including the Croatian lands and Bosnia and Herzegovina. After the war he was an opponent of the Greater-Serbian regime, and supported the idea of federalization of Yugoslavia.

Pilar also studied the sources of Bogumilism (Bogumilism as a Religious, Historical and Socio-Political Problem, Zagreb, 1927). He wrote philosophic treatises and was one of the founders of the Croatian Moderna movement in visual arts. In the article entitled The Secession in the Vijenac (1898), he pleaded for artistic freedom, democratization of the arts, and a place for new art techniques (poster art, reproductive arts).

Pilar was the author of the first political geography of Croatian lands (1918). In his main work, *Die Südslaviche Frage (The Yugoslav Question)* which was published under the pseudonym of L. von Südland in Vienna in 1918 (Croatian translation by F. Pucek, 1943), he proposed unification of Croatian lands, and rejected state union with Serbia.

