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Danijel Vojak and Stéphane Laederich

Antun Medven: The Life and Linguistic Legacy of a Croatian Priest through the Romanes Manuscript, Graz: Pluriben, 2026 (forthcoming)

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Danijel Vojak and Stéphane Laederich explore the life and linguistic legacy of Antun Medven, a Croatian Catholic priest who spoke Romanes and registered the vocabulary of Roma living in his parish near Zagreb. The book examines Medven's biography and the controversies surrounding his life and work, while presenting an analysis and transcription of his Romanes vocabulary, preserved only in manuscript form. It brings an important, little-known source into the study of Romanes and history in Croatia.

MEET THE AUTHORS



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