

**Call for Papers to the special issue of *Slovenský národopis / Slovak Ethnology*, volume 73, number 4/2025 – *Marian Devotion in Europe: Historical Traces, Current Forms, Interdisciplinary Perspectives***

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The editorial board of *Slovenský národopis / Slovak Ethnology* invites submissions for a forthcoming thematic issue **4/2025** dedicated to exploring Marian devotion in Europe from ethnographic, anthropological, and interdisciplinary perspectives.

**Scope and Focus**

Marian devotion has played a pivotal role in shaping religious practices, cultural identities, and social movements throughout European history. This thematic issue seeks to bring together research on historical and contemporary aspects of Marian devotion, particularly focusing on its intersections with nationalism, cultural heritage, and religious practices connected to the Virgin Mary in diverse European and religious, spiritual and non-religious (secular) contexts.

We are particularly interested in contributions addressing (but not limited to) the following themes:

- **Historical Aspects of Marian Devotion:** evolution of Marian cults, pilgrimage traditions, and religious iconography;
- **Nationalism and Marian Devotion:** the role of Marian devotion in national identity formation, political mobilisation, and cultural memory;
- **Morphology of Miracles and Sacred Narratives:** comparative studies of Marian apparitions, miracles, and their cultural interpretations;
- **Contemporary Forms of Marian Devotion:** modern-day practices, digital religious expressions, and Marian festivals in a globalised world;

- **Interdisciplinary Perspectives:** theological, sociological, and psychological analyses of Marian devotion;
- **Material Culture and Iconography:** artistic representations, relics, and sacred spaces associated with the Virgin Mary;
- **Virgin Mary in Pop-culture:** depictions of the Virgin Mary in music, film, literature, and digital media, and their influence on societal perceptions;
- **Spirituality, Conspirituality and Conspiracy Theories in Marian research:** The intertwining of spirituality and conspiracy theories in Marian devotion, including the reinterpretation of Marian apparitions and symbols in the context of alternative spiritualities and conspiratorial thought;
- **Non-religious and Secular “Virgin Mary”:** cultural and contextual reinterpretation of the Virgin Mary beyond direct religious semantics.

### Submission Guidelines

We welcome original research articles, case studies, and theoretical papers from scholars in ethnology, anthropology, history, religious studies, and related disciplines. Submissions should be based on well-documented research and follow the journal’s submission guidelines.

### Key Dates:

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** [28 February 2025]
- **Notification of Acceptance:** [7 March 2025]
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline:** [30 June 2025]
- **Publication Date:** [31 December 2025]

### Submission Process:

Contributors are kindly requested to submit their abstracts and keywords (max. 200 words and 4 to 6 keywords) directly through the editorial system of the Journal Slovak Ethnology (<https://journals.savba.sk/index.php/slovenskynarodopis/login>) no later than 28 February, 2025.

The final manuscripts will be expected no later than 30 June 2025, through the same editorial system. They should not exceed 6,250 words or 45,000 characters, including spaces, notes, and references, and should follow the journal’s guidelines for authors accessible ([HERE](#)).

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We look forward to receiving your contributions and engaging in a rich academic dialogue on Marian devotion in Europe.