

## From Celje to Tokyo: Alma Karlin's fascination with Japan

You are cordially invited to a special lecture by Dr. **Klemen Senica** entitled “From Celje to Tokyo: Alma Karlin’s fascination with Japan.” Klemen Senica holds a Ph.D. from the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, and is currently a postdoctoral researcher at the Juraj Dobrila University of Pula, Croatia. His research interests include representations of Japan in the travel accounts of the Slovene-German writer Alma Karlin.



“My beloved Japan.” – Alma M. Karlin

*Alma M. Karlin (1889–1950), travel writer, intellectual and anti-Nazi, was born in Cilli/Celje, a town on the periphery of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. As the only child of parents of Slovenian descent but raised as a German, Alma thus epitomizes the complex ethnic situation in the town before World War I.*

*In November 1919, she set off on a round-the-world journey that lasted more than eight years. On her globetrotting, Alma stopped in Japan and spent a year in Tokyo in the early 1920s. She was fascinated by the rich culture, the beautiful nature, and the respectful people. The writer later extensively described her fascination with Japan in her travel narratives.*

*As this year marks the 100th anniversary of Alma's arrival in Japan, this lecture will also be a homage to Alma's magnificent journey.*

**June 13 at 7.30 PM (JST)/12.30 (CET) on Zoom platform.**

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