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The Land Where the East Begins

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Main Classroom 134



Professor Jezernik will discuss the history of the geographic area known as the Balkan Peninsula. This region, whose very name is based on a misunderstanding, has been the subject of many disagreements due to the unstable nature of its constantly shifting borders. Consequently, the Balkans have been compared to a garden shed standing beside the noble West European villa and housing many people who were unable to get on with each other and quarreled incessantly among themselves.

Bozidar Jezernik is a professor of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Ljubljana where he teaches courses on the Ethnology of the Balkans. His published research includes monographs on Italian, German and Yugoslav concentration camps, a book on Balkan travel reports that has been translated into six languages, studies of the Balkans as the "other" and the role of cultural heritage in identity.