

GRAHAM M.S. DANN

Svaki rastanak izaziva brojne emocije, a krajnji ili konačni rastanak u pravilu donosi bol, najčešće i nevjericu. Upravo to se može reći za odlazak profesora Grahama Micahela Stuarda Danna. Ovaj britanski profesor i znanstvenik čiji je akademski interes bio dominantno vezan uz područje turizma, zauvijek nas je napustio, neočekivano i svakako prerano. Njegov doprinos poznavanju fenomena turizma je enorman i u svijetu je poznat kao jedan od osnivača danas najprestižnijeg svjetskog turističkog časopisa *Annals of Tourism Research* i, prema riječima osnivača i dugogodišnjega njegovog urednika prof. Jafara Jafarija ubrzo je postao jedan od snažnih pobornika ideje *Annals* i jedan od njegovih glavnih „arhitekata“. Na poziv prof. Jafarija Graham je prihvatio poziv da postane i jedan od osnivača Svjetske turističke akademije odnosno *International Academy for the Study of Tourism*.

Graham Dann rođen je 1941. godine u Edinburgu, Škotska. Stekao je diplomu doktorata iz sociologije 1975. godine. Svoj akademski angažman nastavio je u Centro Internazionale di Ricerche Sociali in Italy (1968-1971), the University of Surrey in England (1971-1975), the Social Science Research Council (1975), the University of West Indies in Barbados (1975-1996), Arctic University of Norway (1999. do njegove smrti). Na ovom posljednjem stekao je status profesora emeritusa (2013).

Grahamov život bio je vrlo dinamičan i vodio ga je na mnoga putovanja, privatna i stručna. Prema riječima samog Grahama proputovao je između 97 i 112 zemalja, ovisno o tome kako su se pojedine zemlje kroz povijest klasificirale. Pri tome je koristio 88 zrakoplovnih kompanija (od kojih 16 više nije aktivno). Nepoznati su razlozi koji su Grahama naveli da 1975. godine napusti svoju do-

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Every parting arouses a host of emotions, but the final departure in principle is bound to inflict pain and disbelief. This can be said of the departure of the British professor and scholar Graham Micahael Stuart Dann who left us forever, unexpectedly and certainly too soon. His academic interest was predominantly tied to tourism and his contribution to the understanding of the tourism phenomenon is enormous. Globally renowned as one of the founders of the most prestigious international tourism journal *Annals of Tourism Research* and, according to its founder and longtime Chief Editor professor Jafar Jafari, Graham Dann soon became one of its most enthusiastic advocates and chief “architects”. At the invitation of professor Jafari, Graham accepted an invitation to become a founder of the International Academy for the Study of Tourism.

Graham Dann was born in 1941 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Having obtained a doctorate in sociology in 1975, he continued his academic career in Centro Internazionale di Ricerche Sociali in Italy (1968-1971), the University of Surrey in England (1971-1975), the Social Science Research Council (1975), the University of West Indies in Barbados (1975-1996), and the Arctic University of Norway (1999-until his passing away) where he was awarded the emeritus professor title in 2013.

Graham's life was highly dynamic and ushered him into the world of traveling, both professional and private. In his own words, he travelled between 97 and 112 countries, depending on how the countries were classified through history, and used 88 airline companies (of which 16 are no longer operating). The reasons that led him to leave his homeland in 1975 and travel to New Zealand and Barbados (where he stayed 21 years) are

movinu i otputuje u Novi Zeland i Barbados gdje se zadržao 21 godinu. Pretpostavlja se da su glavni razlozi vezani uz njegovu želju za upoznavanjem zemalja Latinske Amerike pa ne čudi da je iskustva iz tog dijela svijeta prenio i na svoj akademski život i rad koji ga je potpuno ispunio. Svojevrsno iznenađenje predstavljao je njegov nagli pa i neočekivani povratak u Veliku Britaniju 1996. godine gdje je prihvatio mjesto profesora turizma na Sveučilištu Luton. U tom pozivu našao je svoj temeljni životni interes kojeg je njegovao do kraja svog života.

Moj prvi susret s Grahamom dogodio se na jednoj od turističkih konferencija koje su se aktivno održavale u različitim dijelovima svijeta sedamdesetih godina dvadesetog stoljeća. Grahamov topli, prijateljski i iskreni način ophođenja s drugim turističkim stručnjacima osvojio me je na prvi pogled. To prijateljstvo trajalo je sve do njegove smrti. Obojica smo sudjelovali u dva velika projekta: kao članovi uredničkog tima na izradi prve svjetske turističke enciklopedije, *Encyclopedia of Tourism* (Routledge, London & New York, 2000) i u autorskom timu projekta *The Sociology of Tourism: European Origins and Developments* (Emerald, 2009), kao dvanaestom izdanju radova Svjetske turističke akademije, u kojem je Graham bio glavni urednik uz profesoricu Giuli Liebman Parrinello.

Ipak, velik dio Grahamovog znanstvenog angažmana ostao je usko povezan uz časopis *Annals of Tourism Research*. Svoja sociološka stajališta temeljio je na radovima Durheima i Veblena koja je kasnije povezivao s ekonomijom. Osobito su značajni njegovi tekstovi o sociološkim aspektima turističkog fenomena, posebno od vremena kad je bio angažiran sustavno obrađivati ovu temu u istom časopisu. Kasnije je slijedilo i nekoliko opširnijih zapaženih knjiga na istu temu. Najcitiranija knjiga je ipak *The Language of Tourism* objavljena još 1996. godine.

Konačni odlazak i rastanak s prof. Grahamom ostavio je istinsku prazninu u

unknown are unknown, but they could be presumed to relate to his wish to familiarize himself with the Latin American countries. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that this part of the world influenced and his academic life and work to which he was utterly committed. His sudden return to Great Britain in 1966 to accept the position of tourism professor at the University of Luton was somewhat puzzling, but remained his vital interest that he cherished to the end of his life.

My first encounter with Graham was at one of many tourism conferences that were organized keenly in different parts of the world in the seventies. Graham's warm, friendly and heartfelt demeanour with the other tourism experts captivated me instantly and the friendship has continued until now. We collaborated on two great projects: as members of the editorial board of the first *Encyclopedia of Tourism* (Routledge, London & New York, 2000) and on the team of authors of *The Sociology of Tourism: European Origins and Developments* (Emerald, 2009), the 12th publication of the International Academy for the Study of Tourism, that was co-edited by Professor Giuli Liebman Parrinello and Dann jointly.

Nevertheless, a great part of Graham's scholarly commitment was closely linked to the journal *Annals of Tourism Research*. His sociological views were based on the works by Durheima and Veblena only to link them to economics. Particularly important are his texts on the sociological aspects of the tourism phenomenon, chiefly since he was tasked with systematic dealing with this topic in the same journal. This generated several extensive books on the topic that gained much prominence. The most quoted book of Graham Dann is *The Language of Tourism* published in 1996.

The final departure and parting with professor Graham Dann has left a genuine sense of emptiness in the tourism world, not only because of his excellent scholarly

turističkom svijetu ne samo zbog njegovih izvrsnih stručnih i znanstvenih radova, nego i zbog njegovog prijateljstva i topline komunikacije koju je njegovao s velikim brojem svjetskih turističkih eksperata i sveučilišnih profesora.

Moj privilegij bilo je naše poznanstvo i da smo zauvijek ostali prijatelji.

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papers but also because of his friendliness and warm-heartedness that he nurtured in communication with a great number of world tourism experts and university professors.

My privilege was to know him and that our friendship has remained forever.

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