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**An Overview of Emigration Policies in the Long Term  
— From the Second Half of the 19th Century Until Today**

The goal of this paper is to provide an insight into a theoretical framework of research on migrations, as well as to more broadly contextualize the emigration from Croatia. This will enable a clearer understanding of the research results presented in this thematic journal issue. Special attention is given to the most important emigration policies characteristics of the countries Croatia was part of since the 19th century, which is seen as the start of modern mass migrations in this area.

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