

Prof. Dr. Ana Krajnc, co-founded Slovenian Third Age University and is currently President of the Slovenian Third Age Universities' Network



After she obtained her maturity degree at the Grammar School in Ajdovščina, Ana Krajnc enrolled at the University of Ljubljana. Four years later she graduated from this university obtaining her master degrees in pedagogy and psychology. She gained her PHD in the field of education of adults (Education and social participation) her thesis having been based on a comparative study conducted in collaboration with Oregon University and Hamilton University. At the University of Toronto she completed her specialist studies. She has been very much involved in continuing studies in different European countries. Perhaps one of her most important study stays related to the field of the development of people took place in Geneva and at Oxford.

She first joined an Employment Agency. Then she was a researcher at the Institute of Sociology within the University of Ljubljana from where she moved to the Faculty of Philosophy in Ljubljana. At the Department of Pedagogy she introduced andragogy, a new study orientation and later on andragogy as independent studies. For several years she was on a UNESCO research team. She was also a member of the International Council for the education of adults (ICAE) and she spent several years working as an expert at the United Nations. At The University of Ljubljana she was appointed as a professor with tenure. She was a visiting professor at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. Currently she lectures at the Faculty of Philosophy in Ljubljana for master and doctorate students, future secondary school teachers.

She co-founded the Slovenian Third Age University and is currently the President of the Slovenian Third Age Universities' Network uniting 52 universities all over the country. Ana Krajnc has published several books and over 300 scientific and professional articles. For thirteen years she has been editor-in-chief of the *Andragogic Perspectives*, the first Slovenian scientific journal in the field of adult education.

Ana Krajnc has taken part in numerous international and national congresses, conferences, seminars as well as in radio and TV programmes. She has been defending humanistic approach in education, lifelong education, active ageing and towards the society of all ages.

Ana Krajnc has been researching social stereotypes about older people and old age and the changing position of the third age within information society. Her theoretical assumptions and her practical acting are based on trusting people and not on controlling them or subordinating them to selection processes.