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Topic III: Conservation and Preservation of Cultural Heritage  
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Binding Structure as an Important Segment of the Book  

Content and Objectives of the Lecture and Group Work on the Lecture Topic:  

The lecture presents an outline of the historical development of binding structures and techniques from the oldest examples until the end of the 15th century in Europe and find parallels in Slovene territory, and synthetically present particular structures, binding techniques and materials on bound medieval manuscripts part of Slovene medieval library and archive holdings. Included are problems encountered during the analysis of particular structures, binding techniques and materials found on extant Slovene medieval stiff-board bindings.  

The group work aims to present the methodology used in the research related to the book binding structures and techniques including data on binding structural elements, materials, appearance, damage, and level of preservation of library or bound archival material in question. Such extended description helps to understand the functioning of the book (storage, reading room, exhibition) and to acquire information on state of preservation of library and archival material, accessibility for users and forming a descriptor model to be included in library and archival inventory as well.  

Assignment:  

- interests in book preservation  
- interests in book as a material object  
- interests in book structure  

Readings:  


Clarkson C. (1999) *Minimum intervention in treatment of books*, Pre-prints, 9th. IADA-Congress, Copenhagen, August 16-21,


Mr. sc. candidate **Blanka Avguštin Florjanovič**, Conservation-Restoration Consultant, Archives of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia will partner with Prof. **Jedert Vodopivec** in the joint group workshop on the topic of the lecture.