# 🔵 Nova Gorica & Gorizia: Two Parts of the Same Heart 🗭

# **Lecture Invitation**

Have you ever wondered what it's like to live in a city divided by two countries? Where people naturally switch between two languages in everyday life?

Join us for an engaging lecture that takes you into the unique world of Nova Gorica and Gorizia—twin cities that share a heart, a history, and a future. We'll explore the historical events that shaped this cross-border region and look at how life has evolved over time—from division to cooperation.

We'll also discuss what it's like to live in Nova Gorica (and Slovenia) today, focusing on **language, culture, and identity** in a borderland city. We will also present what it's like to live in Nova Gorica and Slovenia in general as a foreigner.

With **Nova Gorica and Gorizia named the European Capital of Culture 2025**, now is the perfect time to discover what makes this region so special.

### **Meet the Lecturers**

### **Miriam Hurtado Monarres**

A native of Nova Gorica, Miriam is a researcher and doctoral student in Sociology at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana.

# Alejandro Hurtado Monarres

Originally from Mexico, Alejandro lives in Nova Gorica. He holds an MA in Hispanic Studies and currently works as a treasurer.

**Date:** Friday, May 23, 2025

E Time: 18:30 (JST – Japan Standard Time)

**Zoom Meeting** 

https://uni-lj-si.zoom.us/j/99077728731

Meeting ID: 990 7772 8731

Come and discover a place where borders blur, cultures connect, and stories unfold.

We look forward to seeing you! 💛 Vesna, Miriam & Alejandro

