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*Evaluating Documents From the Diplomatic-Consular Funds of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia (1918 – 1945)*

*Summary*

The diplomatic material of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia is kept in the Archives of Serbia and Montenegro. It encompasses the archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and diplomatic-consular offices of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia abroad. Although the material is incomplete due to losses incurred during World War II, it still represents an exceptionally valuable source of the history of Yugoslav foreign policy between the two wars and during World War II. The material contains important facts about the political, economic and social relations of many countries in Europe and the world.

The incompleteness of the archive material and the orientation of historians towards social history topics influenced the alteration of the evaluation criteria towards it, namely in including documents which were previously considered to have little, or no cultural and scientific value. At the same time it was necessary to pay attention that the alleviation and amendments of the criteria do not bring about a complete loss of criteria or creating a situation in which researchers, as well as archival deposits, would be overburdened with enormous quantities of useless material.