

Historian, politician and writer Ivo Banac passed away on 30.06.2020, following a serious illness, at the age of 74. Banac was Professor Emeritus of Yale University (History Department), and the Master of Yale University's Pierson College for two terms. He served as Minister of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning in the Government of the Republic of Croatia (2003), the President of the Liberal Party (2003-2004) and a Member of the Croatian Parliament (2004-2007). He was born on March 1, 1947 in Dubrovnik.

Ivo Banac studied at Fordham University in New York, and earned his Master's and Doctoral Degrees from Stanford University. From 1975 to 1977, he was a Teaching Assistant at Stanford University and San Francisco State University, then Assistant Professor until 1982, an Associate Professor until 1988, and then Full Professor of history at Yale University. From 1995 to 1999, he was a Professor of History at the Central European University (CEU), holding in parallel senior managerial positions such as that of Director of the Institute for Southeast Europe.

Since 2008 he has been a Full Professor of History at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb, and from 2018, he also mentored doctoral students at the Croatian Catholic University in Zagreb. He was the Honorary Head of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology (SSST).

Ivo Banac is the author and editor of a number of books, articles, reviews, editorials and other contributions. Among the most significant are the monograph "The National Question in Yugoslavia: Origins, History, Politics (1984, awarded the "Wayne S. Vucinich Prize" for Best North American book in Russian and Eastern European studies published in 1984) and the study "With Stalin Against Tito: Informbiro splits in the Yugoslav Communist Movement (1988, awarded the "Josip Juraj Strossmayer Prize" for Best Book in the Social Sciences published in Croatia, in 1990.)

Banc was Co-President of the Open Society Institute - Croatia, Member of the Presidency and President of the Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Director General of Interuniversity Center for Postgraduate Studies in Dubrovnik, President of the Council of the Vlado Gotovac Institute, and editor of scientific journals such as East European Politics and Societies. Ivo Banac has been a Corresponding Member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts since 1990. For the last ten years he has held the Yale University Summer School in Dubrovnik.