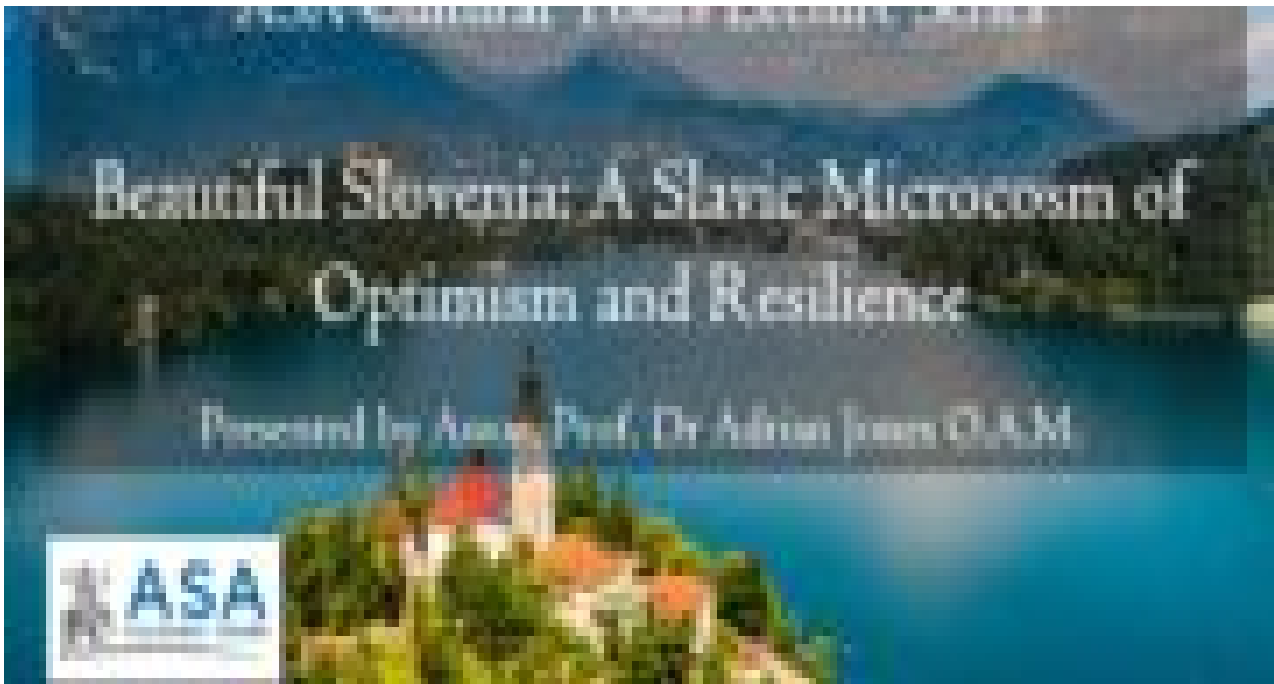


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Good things come in small (sturdy) parcels. Good places seldom boast. Slovenia is both: modest and marvellous. A small country, Slovenia is a borderland of verdant valleys, lakes, caves, and escarpments. The best of Roman, Venetian, Balkan, Austrian and Hungarian heritages combine here, all filtered by the canny resilience and pragmatism of Slovenia's 2 million (West Slavic) people. Fresh-aired, gourmand and sociable, no place in Slovenia is distant. It is a quiet, creative and youthful country, distrusting the bullying and bluster of past empires run by Romans, Venetians, Viennese, or Yugoslavs.

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