



THE STUDY AND IMPORTANCE OF ANTHROPONYMS IN LINGUISTICS

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Abstract. This study explores the linguistic and cultural aspects of anthroponyms, focusing on how personal names mirror societal values, identity, and historical continuity. By examining naming practices across diverse cultures and historical contexts, the article illustrates how anthroponyms function as indicators of heritage, social standing, and personal aspirations. It also looks at the effects of globalization on naming trends, where traditional names may merge or compete with modern, cross-cultural options. Additionally, the study discusses how anthroponyms influence personal identity and social interactions, shedding light on the intricate relationship between language, culture, and individual identity within society.

Key words: Anthroponyms, personal names, naming practices, cultural significance, identity, etymology, cross-cultural naming, linguistics.

Introduction. The field of anthroponyms, which studies personal names, provides an intriguing perspective on cultural identity, social hierarchies, and historical contexts. Personal names serve as more than simple identifiers; they encapsulate extensive information regarding a person's cultural heritage, family connections, and societal roles. Exploring anthroponyms involves examining their origins, meanings, and the functions they serve in both personal and collective identities. The origins and meanings of names often reveal insights into cultural traditions and historical changes. Names may derive from various sources, such as occupations (e.g., "Smith" for a blacksmith), geographic features (e.g., "Hill" or "Brooks"), or personal traits (e.g., "Joy" or "Strong"). The development of names is shaped by language evolution, migration, and cultural interchange. For example, the

Latin name "Marcus" has transformed into various forms in different languages, demonstrating the relationship between language and culture in naming customs.

Main part. Names are deeply rooted in cultural meaning and frequently mirror societal norms and values. The naming process in many cultures is often accompanied by rituals and significance. For instance, in certain African cultures, a child's name may reflect their birth circumstances, embodying the family's hopes. In many Asian cultures, names are chosen for their specific meanings and auspicious qualities, with certain sounds or characters believed to bring luck. The act of naming can also indicate social status or family heritage. In some societies, surnames signify clan membership, while in others, names may carry the historical legacy of a family. The shift from traditional naming practices to contemporary conventions can reflect changing social values and structures. Globalization has significantly influenced naming conventions, leading to a mixture of traditional and modern names. The emergence of multicultural societies has fostered greater acceptance of various naming practices, often resulting in hybrid names that embody multiple cultural influences. For example, people may choose names that resonate across different cultures, creating a unique blend that challenges traditional concepts of identity. However, globalization can also threaten traditional naming practices. In some cases, local names are replaced by more globally recognized ones, raising concerns about cultural dilution. This highlights the conflict between preserving cultural heritage and adapting to a globalized environment.

According to the famous linguist E. Begmatov, any language has enough linguistic tools to meet the needs and tasks of its versatile communicative function. Lexemes (words) can express concepts about things and events related to concrete and abstract, real or imaginary, religious-philosophical, cultural and household spheres. The language summarizes things and events, various and complex concepts about them, and names their aspects based on the main character characteristics.

A name can carry significant emotional weight, affecting how individuals view themselves and how others perceive them. For many, their name is intertwined with their cultural identity and sense of belonging. This significance is particularly evident in diasporic communities, where individuals navigate multiple cultural identities and may select names that connect their heritage with their current environment. Moreover, names can intersect with issues of discrimination and bias. Research indicates that individuals with non-Western names may face difficulties in professional settings due to implicit biases, highlighting the social implications of anthroponyms in modern society. Each name has its own history of origin and its own era. They include the culture and traditions of that nation and are closely related to the mentality, socio-material, cultural level and spirituality of that nation. In ancient times, Democritus, Heraclitus, Plato, Aristotle, representatives of the Greek school of philosophy, expressed their opinion about nouns and their characteristics in their works and contributed to the development of onomastics. For example, Heraclitus put forward the thesis that there might be a connection between the name and the object it represents. But Democritus denied this and emphasized that in the process of naming an object, a person might base on observations and experiences, and showed the relationship between the name and the object as follows:

1. One subject can be called by several names.
2. Several subjects can be called by the same name.
3. Names of certain subjects may change over time.

And Aristotle in his work "Poetics" considered the noun as one of the parts of speech and explained it as follows: "A noun is a complex, meaningful word, which does not indicate time, and whose parts do not convey meaning by themselves."

Conclusion. The study of anthroponyms provides important insights into the relationship between language, culture, and identity. By analyzing the origins, cultural importance, and contemporary trends of personal names, we gain a clearer understanding of how names influence our individual and collective experiences. As

society evolves, the exploration of anthroponyms will continue to be vital for examining the complexities of identity in an increasingly interconnected world.

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