

Onomastic Contacts and Contexts of Name Usage in Transylvania

Lexical borrowings primarily target common nouns; however, the transfer and integration of proper names—particularly place names and first names—also represent a natural process. The contact phenomena affecting proper names are governed by phonological and morphological regularities, just as in the case of the adoption and integration of common nouns. In the study of language contact, scholarly attention has traditionally focused on common nouns, yet the processes of borrowing proper names have also been examined by onomastics and historical linguistics since the nineteenth century.

This volume explores, on the one hand, the regularities of the integration of personal and place names, together with their contactological and onomastic implications, and on the other hand, the conditions, contexts, and legal aspects of Hungarian name usage in Transylvania. The section entitled *Onomastic Contacts (Névkontaktusok)* presents primarily the past and present processes of Hungarian–Romanian and Romanian–Hungarian name borrowings, offering to some extent generalizable conclusions. At the same time, by means of case studies, reference is also made to Slavic–Hungarian, German–Hungarian, and Armenian–Hungarian anthroponymic contacts.

The chapter *Name Usage (Névhasználat)* examines the conditions of name usage under minority circumstances as well as the relevant sociolinguistic contexts. The collected volume includes revised, demographically updated, and standardized versions of studies previously published by the author, along with newly written introductory chapters that clarify basic concepts for the two main sections. These latter two synthetic, theoretically oriented chapters appear here for the first time.

We are convinced that the studies in this volume will prove useful not only to researchers, doctoral candidates, and students engaged with linguistic issues, but also to public figures concerned with minority and language policy, and with the situation of the Hungarian community in Transylvania.