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Commemoration of medieval Croatian rulers in the toponyms of Herzegovina

Summary

The article analyzes presence of medieval Croatian rulers in the names of streets and squares in two Herzegovinian cantons (Herzegovina-Neretva and West Herzegovina). The analysis of the street names showed that Croatian medieval rulers were represented in the cities and municipalities with Croatian majority population. Comparing the obtained data to results of similar research in the Republic of Croatia great similarities can be noticed. Namely, Croatian early medieval rulers - dukes and kings (11 of them were commemorated in total), among whom Croatian kings dominated, were represented to a much greater extent in both Herzegovinian toponyms and largest Croatian cities. As it is expected, King Tomislav is on the first place in Herzegovina. Difference can be noticed in the case of naming the street after Duke Zdeslav, who has not been commemorated in any of the ten largest Croatian cities and one street in Herzegovina (in Posusje) was named after him. The difference is also evident in commemoration of the Hungarian-Croatian rulers. None of the rulers of the Kingdom of Hungary and Croatia has been commemorated in the ten largest Croatian cities, while there is one in the Herzegovinian toponyms - Matija Korvin.

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