Languages are promoted by political powers and are dependent on them. In a historical dimension languages come and go depending on political support. Place names as elements of language are part of this historical fluctuation. Due to their symbolic role as markers of geographical features, territories and space-related identities, however, they are even more exposed to political change. The chapters of this book highlight changes of various place-name categories, place-name changes in different parts of the world and in different political and societal situations.

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