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Linguistic Terminology in Toponymy

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SUMMARY

This paper outlines the special problems associated with linguistic terminology in general, including that employed in the field of toponymy. The problematic situation arises for the linguist because language is both the end and means of his inquiry.

It is suggested that linguistic terms be explicit, objective and parsimonious. Furthermore, attention is drawn to the fact that individual terms may be interrelated and that, therefore, any alterations, additions or deletions in a glossary need to be made cautiously. Finally, a few recommendations are submitted regarding deletions from and/or additions to the revised United Nations Glossary No. 330.