

ASTRONOMICAL TERMINOLOGY IN THE LITERARY LANGUAGE OF THE SERBS IN 18TH AND 19TH CENTURY

One of the consequences of the rapid nineteenth-century scientific development among Serbs is the appearance of an unstandardized terminology system, which was a particular conglomerate of spontaneously created terms (neologisms, calques, loanwords) under the influence of dominant cultures, civilizations and languages. This paper provides an analysis of terms in geography reference books and textbooks published in the period from 1783 to 1867. It has been concluded that there was an unsystematic system of astronomical terms in the textbooks and reference books at the end of the 18th and the first half of the 19th century. It was only in the sixties that a greater number of terms appeared and became a permanent part of the system and standard terminology in the Serbian language. A small number of terms belonging to the contemporary system denote basic notions in the given scientific areas.

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