

IZBRANI TEORETSKI VIDIKI RAZUMEVANJA PROSTORA KOT ELEMENTA ETNIČNE, NARODNE IN NACIONALNE IDENTITETE

SELECTED THEORETICAL ASPECTS OF UNDERSTANDING OF SPACE AS AN ELEMENT OF ETHNIC AND NATIONAL IDENTITY

Space - along with time - is a dimension which cannot be erased from the social science and humanistic thought. Due to its »vast« and »evasive« nature, individual professions and experts are reluctant to deal with it. The present text does not wish and is also unable to convey a clear picture on this, not only proverbially, »infinite« complex of ideas and concepts, restricting itself to a relatively narrow significance of space as a component of ethnic and national identity. It is therefore necessary to highlight certain wider theoretic interpretations in this complex of »space«, especially those referring to the relations between space and society. The text begins with a presentation of certain theoretic aspects in the understanding of space, and illustrates the significance of community or society, respectively, in man's (a)perception of space. What follows is a presentation of ethnic and national identity, as well as of the roles of space, settings and space elements in ethnic and national identification.

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Prostor je ob spremljevalcu – času dimenzija, ki je neizbrisljiva v družboslovni in humanistični misli. Toda zaradi svoje »prostrane« in »izmuzljive« narave se ga posamezne stroke in strokovnjaki le redko in nerade dotaknejo. To besedilo nikakor ne želi in niti ne more podati neke pregledne slike o tem, ne samo pregovorno rečeno, »neskončnem« kupu idej in konceptov; ampak se relativno ozko omeji na pomen prostora kot komponente etnične, narodne in nacionalne identitete. Pri tem pa je potrebno osvetliti nekatera širša teoretska razumevanja v tem »prostorskem« kompleksu, predvsem tista, ki se dotikajo razmerja med prostorom in družbo.

Besedilo tako sprva predstavi nekatere teoretske poglede v razumevanju prostora in prikaže pomen skupnosti oziroma družbe v človekovi (a)percepciji prostora. Sledi prikaz etnične, narodne in nacionalne identitete ter vloge prostora, krajev in prostorskih prvin pri etničnem, narodnem in nacionalnem identificiranju.

Ključne besede: odnos prostor-družba, narodna identiteta, etnična identiteta, teoretski vidiki