

DEJAVNIKI OHRANJANJA ALI OPUŠČANJA ELEMENTOV ETNIČNE IDENTITETE V MEDGENERACIJSKI KONTINUITETI NA NARODNO MEŠANIH OBMOČJIH OB SLOVENSKI MEJI

(KVANTITATIVNA PRIMERJALNA ANALIZA STRUKTURNIH SPREMENLJIVK, KI VPLIVAJO NA
OHRANJANJE ELEMENTOV ETNIČNE IDENTITETE)

FACTORS INFLUENCING THE PRESERVATION OR DROPPING OF THE ETHNIC ELEMENTS OF INTERGENERATION
ETHNIC CONTINUITY WITH THE POPULATION OF ETHNICALLY MIXED TERRITORY

(QUANTITATIVE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF STRUCTURAL VARIABLES WHICH INFLUENCE THE PRESERVATION OF THE
ELEMENTS ETHNIC IDENTITY)

Ethnicity, or rather, ethnic identity, its contents and significance, are – in accordance with social conditions – incessantly subject to verification and reinterpretation, so on the level of individual as on the level of community. The fact is that some ethnic communities are successful in their preservation, some are getting weaker and weaker in their ethnic vitality, some are changing their role and some are being formed anew. The topic of our thesis was not a search for generally valid patterns and factors of preservation of ethnic communities but finding the major factors (trends) of intergeneration ethnic continuity with the population of ethnically mixed territory (local ethnically mixed communities) along the Slovene border. The population censuses indicate a decrease of the number of members of the Slovene ethnic communities in Carinthia and Porabje, the same trend being evident with members of the Italian and Hungarian minorities in Slovenia. Is this already a sufficient indicator to prove the weakening of ethnic identity of these communities? Which are the factors influencing the preservation or dropping of the ethnic elements in a certain ethnic community? We posed two questions and attempted to answer them on the basis of analysis of the collected empirical data: Which factors affect the preservation or dropping of ethnic elements and are relevant in intergeneration ethnic continuity of an individual ethnic community?

The process was studied on the population of local ethnically mixed communities along the Slovene border, especially in Lendava (Slovenia), Monošter/Szentgotthard (Hungary), Železna Kapla - Bela/ Eisenkappel (Austria) and Slovene Istria (Slovenia).

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Etničnost oziroma etnična identiteta, njena vsebina in pomen so v skladu z družbenimi okoliščinami, tako na ravni posameznika kot na ravni skupnosti nenehno subjekt preverjanja in reinterpretacije. Dejstvo je, da se nekatere etnične skupnosti uspešno ohranjajo, etnična vitalnost nekaterih slabi, vloga drugih se spreminja, tretje se na novo formirajo. Predmet naše obravnave je bilo ugotavljanje pomembnih dejavnikov (trendov) medgeneracijske etnične kontinuitete pri prebivalstvu narodno mešanega območja (lokalnih etnično mešanih skupnosti) ob slovenski meji. Zanimalo nas je, kaj se na teh območjih dogaja z nekaterimi etničnimi skupnostmi. Popisi prebivalcev kažejo upadanje števila pripadnikov slovenske etnične skupnosti na Koroškem in v Porabju ter ravno tako upadanje števila pripadnikov italijanske in madžarske manjšine v Sloveniji. Ali je to zadosten kazalec, da govorimo o slabljenju etnične identitete obravnavanih skupnosti? Kateri so tisti dejavniki, ki vplivajo na ohranjanje ali opuščanje etničnih elementov pri posamezni etnični skupnosti? Postavili smo si vprašanje, na katero smo poskusili odgovoriti s pomočjo analize zbranih empiričnih podatkov: Kateri dejavniki vplivajo na ohranjanje ali opuščanje etničnih elementov in so relevantni v medgeneracijski etnični kontinuiteti posamezne etnične skupnosti?

Proces smo opazovali pri prebivalstvu lokalnih etnično mešanih skupnostih ob slovenski meji, in sicer v Lendavi (Slovenija), Monoštru (Madžarska), občini Železna Kapla - Bela (Avstrija) in Slovenski Istri (Slovenija).

Ključne besede: medgeneracijska etnična kontinuiteta, etnična vitalnost, etnična identiteta, etnično mešane skupnosti, kvantitativna primerjalna analiza