

Oronyms and Hydronyms in Protected Landscape Area Jizera Mountains (Jizerské hory)

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Abstract:

The main goal of the present Ph.D. thesis titled **Oronyms and Hydronyms in the Protected Landscape Area Jizera Mountains (Jizerské hory)** is the analysis of semantic and formal aspects of anoikonyms (minor place names) in the mentioned region. The thesis deals not only with contemporary names, but it also describes development of the regional anoikonymy from Middle Ages to the present times. Until 1945 the Jizera Mountains were a part of the so-called Sudetenland inhabited by German population; therefore, the thesis pays special attention to relations between Czech and German minor place names and to later processes of bohemization. In addition to the development of the anoikonymy, influenced by historical events, the thesis focuses on three typical aspects of the anoikonymical system of the Jizera Mountains: a/ variability (or onymical synonymy) from both synchronic and diachronic point of view; b/ the role of possessive motivation within onymic processes; c/ elements of local dialects in anoikonyms. A substantial part of the thesis is also the etymological interpretation as well as the detailed mapping of the development and changes in naming of major orographic and hydrographic objects.