Personal name systems in different languages and cultures

The paper presents the initial findings of an international research project launched in the autumn of 2023. The project aims to examine personal naming practices across various languages and cultures from a historical perspective. The participating researchers adopt a shared approach grounded in a cognitive-pragmatic model of personal name analysis.

The paper offers a comparative analysis of Hungarian, Finnish, and Czech personal naming systems with a focus on the socio-cultural factors that have historically shaped these systems. It highlights both the similarities and differences among the naming conventions of these languages. References to naming systems in other languages are also included to illustrate specific phenomena, emphasizing the value of research that spans a diverse range of languages and cultures.

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