

## STATUS AND ROLE OF TEACHING GEOGRAPHY SUBJECT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION OF THE SARAJEVO CANTON

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*Geographic knowledge is needed for young individuals to understand events in the modern world. The dynamic life and the flow of time are actually becoming more geographic, making geography an increasingly necessary science in society, both in terms of actuality and daily life, and from planning to tourism.<sup>1</sup> The shattered education system in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the new acceptance concept of the new school, unfortunately, are taking place at the expense of geography.*

*Using this method of content analysis, this paper tries to determine the actual position of the teaching subject of geography in secondary education in the Canton of Sarajevo and the role that geography plays in teaching students of that age. The analysis included Framework curriculum for nine-year primary schools in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Guidelines for writing textbooks from a national group of subjects, the Geography Curriculum and Program for Gymnasiums, Geography Curriculum and Program for Secondary Schools for Vocational Training, Modifications of Curricula for Gymnasiums and Secondary Vocational Schools, Remarks on curricula for geography and other relevant strategic documents in the field of education. The results showed insufficient representation of geography teaching content and an ungrateful position that is far from its clearly defined objectives and tasks.*

*School geography, although classified as a national subject, going through a very difficult period. It has become a subject of substitution with other subjects of much lesser importance. It is necessary to introduce more geography teaching content in almost all directions of vocational schools and training of the Sarajevo Canton, as well as to increase the font of geography classes in gymnasium, because geography is an irreplaceable subject for the development of patriotism. In addition, in the Curricula and in the learning outcomes, it is very important that Bosnia and Herzegovina as a homeland is the starting point, to which geography makes the most important contribution.*

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<sup>1</sup> Spahić M., 2004.: Osnovi aspekt razvoja geografske misli u Bosni i Hercegovini, Zbornik radova Prvog kongresa geografa Bosne i Hercegovine, Sarajevo 2004. godine