DEFINITIONS OF GEOGRAPHY AND ITS APPLICABILITY

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In Bosnia and Herzegovina's scientific literature theoretical discussions and articles on geography definition, object of study and its position in our country are few, and mainly recognizing the fact that the position of geography is unsatisfactory, but specific efforts in solving this problem are almost nonexistent. Geography definitions in foreign and domestic scientific literature recently published titles are mostly incomplete, as will be shown on specific examples. By analyzing domestic and international theoretical works, it is obvious that defining of geography is an imperative, primarily due to the object and subject of its study, which are fundamental in positioning geography within the scientific system, and not only as educational subject. Geography as a science has its fundamental scientific framework, which is used in various forms and its significance has constructive and applicative importance.

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