

GEOGRAPHIC AND LANGUAGE BORDERS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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This paper discusses the key theoretical issues of linguistic geography as a research method in linguistics and in relation to this gives a general picture of the linguistic and internal dialectical boundaries of Bosnia and Herzegovina considering the possibility and probability of the action of physical-geographical factors on the removal and preservation of these boundaries. In this methodological approach, the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina is referred to as a linguistic spatial entity whose integrity visibly matches with its physical-geographical integrity.

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