

ESTONIAN EQUIVALENTS OF ICOS KEY ONOMASTIC TERMS

English ICOS terms:	Estonian equivalents fixed by:
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allonym – a variant of a name stemming from	
the same etymological root – e. g. Joe for	
Joseph	allonüüm
animal name – see zoonym	loomanimi / zoonüüm
anthroponomasticon – an anthroponomastic	
dictionary or its mental or theoretical counterpart	antroponomastikon / isikunimeleksikon
anthroponomastics – branch of onomastics	
scholarly studying anthroponyms (NOTE:	
Sometimes also called anthroponymy which is	antroponomastika / isikunimeteadus /
not recommended in this sense.)	antroponüümika
anthroponym – proper name of a person or a	
group of persons	antroponüüm / isikunimi
anthroponymy – the set of anthroponyms	
within a specific territory/region, language,	
period of time etc. (NOTE: Sometimes also used	
for a branch of onomastics scholarly studying	
anthroponyms which is not recommended.)	antroponüümia / isikunimistu / isikunimevara
appellativisation – see deonymisation	apellatiivistumine / üldnimestumine
brand name – proper name of a brand, e.g.	brändinimi, vrd asjanimi, ergonüüm,
Toyota	tootenimi
by-name – informal, additional name of a	
person, a place, an object etc. – e.g. John	
Brown alias Shorty in English, Juana Martinéz	
alias Morena in Spanish, Staffan Nyström alias	
Lane in Swedish,Big Apple for New York, Big	
Blue for IBM	lisanimi või hüüdnimi
choronym – proper name of a larger	
geographical or administrative unit of land – e.g.	
Africa, Sibir' (Siberia), Suomi, Dalmacija,	
Toscana, Bretagne, Steiermark, Castilla, La	
Mancha. (NOTE: In some languages the term	horonüüm / maa-alanimi / piirkonnanimi

macrotoponym is used for an inhabited large	
area.)	
Christian name – see first name	ristinimi, vrd eesnimi
cryptonym – a secret name used for the	
protection of its bearer	krüptonüüm / salanimi
denominatum – name bearer; a person, an	
object etc. carrying or addressed by a certain	
proper name	denotaat / nimeobjekt / nimekandja
deonym – common noun derived or originating	
from a proper name – e.g. tweed from the river	
name Tweed, watt from the family name Watt,	
Spanish quevedos 'pince-nez, a kind of glasses'	
from the surname Quevedo, Asturian xuan	
'simpleton, dullard, dimwit' from the personal	
name Xuan. (NOTE: In many languages the	
term eponym is used in this sense.)	-
deonymisation – loss of the onymic function	
and/or character of a proper name	apellatiivistumine
endonym – proper name of a geographical	
feature in an official or well-established	
language occurring in that area where the	
feature is situated – e.g. Venezia in Italian (not	
Venice), Praha in Czech (not Prague)	endonüüm / sisekeelne nimi
eponym – proper name of a person or group of	
persons, forming the basis of the name of	
another person, family, place, object etc. – e.g.	
personal name Washington – toponym	
Washington, personal name Albert – toponym	
Lake Albert/Lac Albert	-
ergonym – name of a product or a brand;	
NOTE: The term chrematonym in some	
languages is used in this sense, but can also	
have a broader meaning (i.a. proper names of	
social events, institutions, organisations)	ergonüüm / asjanimi
ethnonym – proper name of an ethnic group (a	
tribe, a folk, a clan etc.), or a member of this	
group, e.g. Italians, Bavarians, Croat,	
Frenchman, Zulu. (NOTE: Ethnonyms are not	
treated as proper names in some languages and	
by some scholars, e.g. ingleses in Spanish.	etnonüüm / rahvanimetus

According to some theories, ethnonyms are	
proper names both in plural and singular, in	
other theories, ethnonyms in the plural are	
proper names, in the singular appellatives.)	
exonym – name used in a specific language for	
a geographical feature situated outside the area	
where that language is widely spoken, and	
differing in its form from the name used in the	
area where the geographical feature is situated	
- e.g. French Londres for London, German	
Warschau for Warszawa, Bangkok for Krung	
Thep, Spanish Ginebra for Genève	eksonüüm / väliskeelne nimi
family name – hereditary name of a family or a	
member of a family with such a name – e.g.	
Smith, Farkas, Neumann, Herrera	perekonnanimi
first name – name which a person is given at	
birth, baptism or at some other significant	
moment in life – e.g. Charles, Ivan, Giuseppe,	
Davor, Sophie, Anna, María, Motlalepula	
(NOTE: First name does not always have to	
stand in the first position.)	eesnimi, vrd ristinimi
field name - name of a small piece of rural land	viljelusnimi, vrd mikrotoponüüm
forename – see first name	eesnimi
geographical name – see toponym	kohanimi / toponüüm
given name – see first name	eesnimi
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nesonym - proper name of an island saarenimi	nesonym - proper name of an island	saarenimi
nickname – additional, usually characterising	nickname – additional, usually characterising	
informal proper name of a person – e.g. The	informal proper name of a person – e.g. The	
Governator for Arnold Schwarenegger in the US.	Governator for Arnold Schwarenegger in the US.	
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onomastician - name researcher, a person who	
studies proper names in a scholarly way	nimeuurija / nimeteadlane / onomastik
onomasticon – an onomastic dictionary or its	
mental or theoretical counterpart	onomastikon / nimeleksikon
onomastics – the study of proper names in a	
scholarly way.	onomastika / nimeteadus
onym – see proper name	-
onymisation – transfer of a linguistic unit	
(including common nouns, adjectives, verbs,	
interjections, phrases etc.) to the class of proper	
names	pärisnimestumine
onymy – the set of proper names within a	
particular region, language, period of time etc.	nimistu / nimevara
oronym – proper name of an elevated formation	
of the terrain (i.e. name of a mountain, mountain	
range, highland, upland, hill, rock etc.) - e.g.	
Aconcagua, Elbrus, Rocky Mountains, die	
Alpen. (NOTE: By geographers the term oronym	
is sometimes used in a broader sense and	
includes also proper names of valleys, lowlands	
etc.)	oronüüm / mäenimi / pinnavorminimi
patronym – personal name originating from the	
father's name – e.g. Andersson (in Swedish),	
Petrov (in Russian), Fernández, Mori, Olay (in	
Spanish), Berendt, Berendts (in German).	isanimi / patronüüm
personal name – see anthroponym	isikunimi / antroponüüm
place name - see toponym	kohanimi / toponüüm
product name – proper name of a product (e.g.	
a chocolate, car, cigarette etc.), e.g. car Avensis	
by Toyota	tootenimi
proper name – linguistic expression that	
uniquely identifies a person, a group of persons,	
a place, an animal or an object (ship, train) -	
e.g. Earth, Zambezi, Chile, Beijing, David,	
Victoria, Miikkulainen, Hyundai, Sony, Das	
Erzgebirge.	pärisnimi / nimi / prooprium
proprialisation – see onymisation	pärisnimestumine
pseudonym – a fictitious name of a person,	
usually used by artists, politicians etc. as an	
alternative to their legal name	pseudonüüm / varjunimi

psychoonomastics – branch of onomastics	
studying names from a psycholinguistic point of	
view	psühhoonomastika
settlement name – proper name of all kinds of	
human settlement (cities, towns, villages,	
hamlets, farms, ranches, houses, etc.) – e.g.	
Paris, Turku, Yokohama, †Troia, Nofim (a	
house).	asustusnimi / oikonüüm
socioonomastics – branch of onomastics	
studying names from a sociolinguistic point of	
view	sotsioonomastika
street name – proper name of a thoroughfare in	
a city, town, or village (street-names are a	
subcategory of hodonyms) – e.g. Broadway,	
Baker Street, Unter den Linden	tänavanimi, vrd teenimi
surname – see family name	perekonnanimi
theonym – proper name of a god, a goddess, or	
a divinity – e.g. Zeus, Odin, Diana, Morana	jumalusnimi / teonüüm
toponomastician [AG]	kohanimeuurija / toponomastik / toponüümik
toponomasticon – a toponomastic dictionary or	
its mental or theoretical counterpart	toponomastikon / kohanimeleksikon
toponomastics – branch of onomastics	
studying toponyms in a scholarly way (NOTE:	
Sometimes also called toponymy which is not	toponomastika / kohanimeteadus /
recommended in this sense.)	toponüümika
toponym – proper name of a place, both	
inhabited and uninhabited (e.g. of a mountain,	
water, island, wood, town, village, field,	
meadow, street, or route etc.; e.g. Uppsala,	
Mare Tranquillitatis, Amazonis Planitia, Mont	
Blanc, Seine, Sardinia, Auckland). NOTE: If	
limited to the planet Earth, toponyms can also	
be called geographical names.	kohanimi / toponüüm
toponymy – the set of toponyms within a	
specific territory/region, language, period of time	
etc. (NOTE: Sometimes also used for a branch	
of onomastics scholarly studying toponyms	
which is not recommended.)	kohanimistu / kohanimevara / toponüümia
zoonym – proper name of an animal – e.g. a	
dog Fido, an elephant Jumbo	loomanimi / zoonüüm