

FINNISH EQUIVALENTS OF ICOS KEY ONOMASTIC TERMS

English ICOS terms:		
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content/uploads/2019/05/ICOS-Terms-en.pdf	(University of Helsinki) (2019)	
allonym – a variant of a name stemming from		
the same etymological root – e. g. Joe for		
Joseph	-	
animal name – see zoonym	eläimennimi	
anthroponomasticon – an anthroponomastic		
dictionary or its mental or theoretical counterpart	-	
anthroponomastics – branch of onomastics		
scholarly studying anthroponyms (NOTE:		
Sometimes also called anthroponymy which is	antroponomastiikka /	
not recommended in this sense.)	henkilönnimistöntutkimus	
anthroponym – proper name of a person or a		
group of persons	antroponyymi / henkilönnimi	
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.)	antroponymia / henkilönnimistö	
appellativisation – see deonymisation	appellatiivistuminen	
brand name – proper name of a brand, e.g.		
Toyota	tuotenimi	
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	lisänimi	
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	-	

macrotoponym is used for an inhabited large			
area.)			
Christian name – see first name	ks. etunimi		
cryptonym – a secret name used for the			
protection of its bearer			
denominatum – name bearer; a person, an			
object etc. carrying or addressed by a certain			
proper name	nimenkantaja		
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	appellatiivistuminen		
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)	endonyymi		
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)	ergonyymi		
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.	etnonyymi		

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	eksonyymi
family name – hereditary name of a family or a	0.000.1,,,
member of a family with such a name – e.g.	
Smith, Farkas, Neumann, Herrera	sukunimi
first name – name which a person is given at	- Canadiania
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.)	etunimi
field name – name of a small piece of rural land	viljelysnimi
forename – see first name	etunimi
geographical name – see toponym	paikannimi / toponyymi
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name – e.g. Dick (for Richard) in English, Iza	
(for Izabela) in Polish, Nacho (for Ignacio) in	
Spanish, Ivica (for Ivan) in Croatian.	
inhabitant name – proper name of an inhabitant	
of a certain region, country, town, village etc.,	
e.g. Leipziger 'inhabitant of Leipzig', Londoner	
'inhabitant of London'. (NOTE: Inhabitant names	
are not treated as proper names in some	
languages or by some scholars, e.g. madrileño	
'inhabitant of Madrid' in Spanish.)	asukkaannimitys
last name – see family name	sukunimi
macrotoponym – see choronym	makrotoponyymi
metronym – personal name originating from the	
mother's name – e.g. Tilgner (from the	
hypocoristic form Tilg/e/, derived from the	
anthroponym Ottilie) in German, Haničinec (from	
the anthroponym Hana) in Czech (NOTE: The	
form matronym should not be used.)	matronyymi
microtoponym – name referring to smaller	
objects like fields, pastures, fences, stones,	
marshes, bogs, ditches etc., and in general used	
locally by only a limited group of people – e.g.	
Lange Wiese (meadow), Further Piece (field)	mikrotoponyymi
minor name – see microtoponym	-
name – see proper name	nimi
name bearer – see denominatum	nimenkantaja
namegiver – person, community, authority or	
institution naming other persons, places, objects	
etc.	nimenantaja
namegiving – process by or event at which a	
person, a place, an object is given a proper	
name (e.g. birth of a child, naming a ship etc.)	nimenanto
naming – see namegiving	nimeäminen
nesonym - proper name of an island	saarennimi
nickname – additional, usually characterising	
informal proper name of a person – e.g. The	
Governator for Arnold Schwarzenegger in the	
US. Nicknames are a subcategory of by-names.	lisänimi
*odonym – see hodonym	
oikonym – see settlement name	asutusnimi

onomastician - name researcher, a person who			
studies proper names in a scholarly way	nimistöntutkija / onomastikko		
onomasticon – an onomastic dictionary or its	-		
mental or theoretical counterpart	onomastikko		
onomastics – the study of proper names in a			
scholarly way.	onomastiikka/nimistöntutkimus		
onym – see proper name			
onymisation – transfer of a linguistic unit			
(including common nouns, adjectives, verbs,			
interjections, phrases etc.) to the class of proper			
names	-		
onymy – the set of proper names within a			
particular region, language, period of time etc.	nimistö		
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.)	maankohouman nimi		
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).	patronyymi		
personal name – see anthroponym	henkilönnimi / antroponyymi		
place name - see toponym	paikannimi / toponyymi		
product name – proper name of a product (e.g.			
a chocolate, car, cigarette etc.), e.g. car Avensis			
by Toyota	tuotenimi		
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.	propri / erisnimi / nimi		
proprialisation – see onymisation	propristuminen		
pseudonym – a fictitious name of a person,			
usually used by artists, politicians etc. as an			

psychoonomastics – branch of onomastics studying names from a psycholinguistic point of view settlement name – proper name of all kinds of	-
view	-
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).	asutusnimi
socioonomastics – branch of onomastics	
studying names from a sociolinguistic point of	
view	sosio-onomastiikka
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	kadunnimi
surname – see family name	sukunimi
theonym – proper name of a god, a goddess, or	
a divinity – e.g. Zeus, Odin, Diana, Morana	-
toponomastician [AG]	-
toponomasticon – a toponomastic dictionary or	
its mental or theoretical counterpart	-
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studying toponyms in a scholarly way (NOTE:	
Sometimes also called toponymy which is not	
recommended in this sense.)	toponomastiikka / paikannimistöntutkimus
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.	paikannimi / toponyymi
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.)	toponymia / paikannimistö
zoonym – proper name of an animal – e.g. a	
dog Fido, an elephant Jumbo	eläimennimi