

ITALIAN EQUIVALENTS OF ICOS KEY ONOMASTIC TERMS

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	*allonimo
	cfr. "l'altro nome con cui una persona viene
	chiamata da tutti nella vita quotidiana e in
	genere per tutta la vita" (EC);
allonym – a variant of a name stemming from	"agg., di pubblicazione fatta sotto il nome di altra
the same etymological root – e. g. Joe for	persona; come s. m., la persona che presta il
Joseph	suo nome all'opera" (il Treccani online)
animal name – see zoonym	nome d'animale - vedi zoonimo
anthroponomasticon – an anthroponomastic	
dictionary or its mental or theoretical counterpart	antroponomasticon
anthroponomastics – branch of onomastics	
scholarly studying anthroponyms (NOTE:	
Sometimes also called anthroponymy which is	
not recommended in this sense.)	antroponomastica
anthroponym – proper name of a person or a	
group of persons	antroponimo
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.)	antroponimia
appellativisation – see deonymisation	appellativizzazione - vedi deonimizzazione
brand name – proper name of a brand, e.g.	
Toyota	nome di marca / marchionimo
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	soprannome / nomignolo

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.)	coronimo
Christian name – see first name	nome di battesimo / nome / prenome
cryptonym – a secret name used for the	
protection of its bearer	criptonimo
denominatum – name bearer; a person, an	
object etc. carrying or addressed by a certain	referente / denominato / denotato /
proper name	denotatum / portatore del nome
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.)	deonimo / deonomastico
deonymisation – loss of the onymic function	
and/or character of a proper name	deonimizzazione
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)	endonimo
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	eponimo
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)	ergonimo

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.	
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.)	etnonimo
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	esonimo
family name – hereditary name of a family or a	
member of a family with such a name – e.g.	
Smith, Farkas, Neumann, Herrera	cognome / nome di famiglia
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.)	nome / nome di battesimo / prenome
field name – name of a small piece of rural land	microtoponimo
forename – see first name	nome / nome di battesimo / prenome
geographical name – see toponym	nome geografico / toponimo
given name – see first name	nome / nome di battesimo / prenome
hagionym – name of a saint (NOTE: This term	
should not be used for a name of sacred objects	
or places.)	agionimo
hodonym – route name (i.e. proper name of a	
street, square, motorway, country road, path,	
tunnel, ford, bridge, footbridge, railway line etc.)	
- e.g. Portobello Road, Eurotunnel, Via Baltica,	
Marktgasse, D1	odonimo

hydronym – name of a body of water (i.e. name	
of a sea, bay, strait, lake, swamp, fishpond,	
storage lake, spring, well, river, brook, waterfall	
etc.) – e.g. Atlantic Ocean, Ostsee, Golfe du	
Lion, Lake Superior, Huang He, Niagara Falls	idronimo
hypocoristic – unofficial expressive form of a	
name morphologically derived from the personal	
name – e.g. Dick (for Richard) in English, Iza	
(for Izabela) in Polish, Nacho (for Ignacio) in	
Spanish, Ivica (for Ivan) in Croatian.	ipocoristico
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.)	gentilizio / etnico
last name – see family name	cognome / nome di famiglia
macrotoponym – see choronym	macrotoponimo, vedi coronimo
metronym – personal name originating from the	
mother's name – e.g. Tilgner (from the	
hypocoristic form Tilg/e/, derived from the	matronimico
anthroponym Ottilie) in German, Haničinec (from	"il cognome derivato da un nome femminile. e.g.
the anthroponym Hana) in Czech (NOTE: The	da Maria le forme Maria, De Maria, Di Maria,
form matronym should not be used.)	ecc." (EC)
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)	microtoponimo
minor name – see microtoponym	microtoponimo
name – see proper name	nome proprio
	portatore del nome, vedi anche referente /
name bearer – see denominatum	denominato / denotato / denotatum
namegiver – person, community, authority or	
institution naming other persons, places, objects	
etc.	autore / creatore del nome
namegiving – process by or event at which a	
person, a place, an object is given a proper	atto denominativo / imposizione /
name (e.g. birth of a child, naming a ship etc.)	attribuzione / assegnazione del nome
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naming – see namegiving	vedi atto denominativo
nesonym - proper name of an island	nesonimo
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.	soprannome / nomignolo / epiteto / nickname
*odonym – see hodonym	odonimo
oikonym – see settlement name	oiconimo
	onomasta
onomasticon – an onomastic dictionary or its	
mental or theoretical counterpart	onomasticon
onomastics – the study of proper names in a	
scholarly way.	onomastica
onym – see proper name	onimo
onymisation – transfer of a linguistic unit	
(including common nouns, adjectives, verbs,	
interjections, phrases etc.) to the class of proper	
names	onimizzazione
onymy – the set of proper names within a	
particular region, language, period of time etc.	onimia
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.)	oronimia
patronym – personal name originating from the	*patronimo
father's name – e.g. Andersson (in Swedish),	cfr. patronimico "il nome paterno stesso che
Petrov (in Russian), Fernández, Mori, Olay (in	origina il cognome, o meglio è il cognome che
Spanish), Berendt, Berendts (in German).	da esso deriva" (EC)
personal name – see anthroponym	nome personale / antroponimo
place name - see toponym	nome di luogo / toponimo
product name – proper name of a product (e.g.	
a chocolate, car, cigarette etc.), e.g. car Avensis	
by Toyota	nome di prodotto / marchionimo
proper name – linguistic expression that	
uniquely identifies a person, a group of persons,	nome proprio

a place, an animal or an object (ship, train) –	
e.g. Earth, Zambezi, Chile, Beijing, David,	
Victoria, Miikkulainen, Hyundai, Sony, Das	
Erzgebirge.	
proprialisation – see onymisation	proprializzazione / onimizzazione
pseudonym – a fictitious name of a person,	
usually used by artists, politicians etc. as an	
alternative to their legal name	pseudonimo
psychoonomastics – branch of onomastics	
studying names from a psycholinguistic point of	
view	psiconomastica
settlement name – proper name of all kinds of	
human settlement (cities, towns, villages,	
hamlets, farms, ranches, houses, etc.) – e.g.	nome di centro abitato
Paris, Turku, Yokohama, †Troia, Nofim (a	cfr. oiconimo "il nome di una casa"; poleonimo
house).	"il nome di una città" (EC)
socioonomastics – branch of onomastics	
studying names from a sociolinguistic point of	
view	socionomastica
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	odonimo
surname – see family name	cognome / nome di famiglia
theonym – proper name of a god, a goddess, or	
a divinity – e.g. Zeus, Odin, Diana, Morana	teonimo
toponomastician [AG]	toponomasta
toponomasticon – a toponomastic dictionary or	
its mental or theoretical counterpart	toponomasticon
toponomastics – branch of onomastics	
studying toponyms in a scholarly way (NOTE:	
Sometimes also called toponymy which is not	
recommended in this sense.)	toponomastica
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	nome di luogo / toponimo

limited to the planet Earth, toponyms can also	
be called geographical names.	
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.)	toponimia
zoonym - proper name of an animal - e.g. a	zoonimo
dog Fido, an elephant Jumbo	qui zoonimo antropomorfizzato (EC)