

PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE EQUIVALENTS OF ICOS KEY ONOMASTIC TERMS

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English ICOS terms:	exclusive Brazilian Portuguese terms are
https://icosweb.net/wp/wp-	presented after the slash mark (/).
content/uploads/2019/05/ICOS-Terms-en.pdf	
allonym – a variant of a name stemming from the	alónimo / alônimo – hipocorístico
same etymological root – e. g. Joe for Joseph	
animal name – see zoonym	nome de animal – ver zoónimo / zoônimo
anthroponomasticon – an anthroponomastic	vocabulário antroponímico ** /
dictionary or its mental or theoretical counterpart	antroponomástico *
anthroponomastics – branch of onomastics	antroponomástica
scholarly studying anthroponyms (NOTE:	
Sometimes also called anthroponymy which is	
not recommended in this sense.)	
anthroponym – proper name of a person or a	antropónimo / antropônimo
group of persons	
anthroponymy – the set of anthroponyms within a	antroponímia
specific territory/region, language, period of	
time etc. (NOTE: Sometimes also used for a	
branch of onomastics scholarly studying	
anthroponyms which is not recommended.)	
	apelativização – comunização – see
appellativisation – see deonymisation	deonimização
brand name – proper name of a brand, e.g.	nome de marca
Toyota	
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by-name – informal, additional name of a person,	nome informal / apelido
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	
choronym – proper name of a larger geographical	macrotopónimo / macrotopônimo (NOTE:
or administrative unit of land – e.g. Africa, Sibir'	corónimo / corônimo exists in Portuguese, but it
(Siberia), Suomi, Dalmacija, Toscana, Bretagne,	refers to any administrative area, regardless of its
	size.)
languages the term macrotoponym is used for an	,
inhabited large area.)	
Christian name – see first name	nome de batismo – see prenome
cryptonym – a secret name used for the	criptónimo / criptônimo
protection of its bearer.	·
denominatum – name bearer; a person, an object	denominatum
etc. carrying or addressed by a certain proper	
name	
deonym – common noun derived or originating	deónimo / deônimo
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	deonimização – comunização –
and/or character of a proper name	desproprialização
endonym – proper name of a geographical feature	endónimo / endônimo
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)	
eponym – proper name of a person or group of	epónimo / epônimo
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:	crematónimo / ergônimo – crematônimo –
The term chrematonym in some languages is used	oniônimo

in this sense, but can also have a broader	
meaning (i.a. proper names of social events,	
institutions, organisations)	
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.)	etnónimo / etnônimo
exonym – name used in a specific language for a	exónimo / exônimo
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	
family name – hereditary name of a family or a	nome de família – sobrenome
member of a family with such a name – e.g. Smith,	
Farkas, Neumann, Herrera	
first name – name which a person is given at	prenome
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.)	
field name – name of a small piece of rural land	nome de pequena propriedade rural
forename – see first name	prenome
geographical name – see toponym	nome geográfico – see topónimo / topônimo
given name – see first name	prenome
hagionym – name of a saint (NOTE: This term	hagiónimo / hagiônimo
should not be used for a name of sacred objects or	
places.)	
hodonym – route name (i.e. proper name of a	hodónimo / hodônimo
street, square, motorway, country road, path,	
tunnel, ford, bridge, footbridge, railway line etc.) –	

hidrónimo / hidrônimo
hipocorístico
gentílico
sobrenome – see nome de família
macrotopónimo / macrotopónimo
metrónimo / metrônimo
microtopónimo / microtopônimo
microtoponimo / microtoponimo
nome local – see microtopónimo /
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nome local – see microtopónimo / microtopônimo
nome local – see microtopónimo / microtopônimo nome – see nome próprio
nome local – see microtopónimo / microtopônimo nome – see nome próprio portador do nome

namegiving – process by or event at which a	nomeação
person, a place, an object is given a proper name	
(e.g. birth of a child, naming a ship etc.)	
naming – see namegiving	nomeação – atribuição de nome
nesonym - proper name of an island	nesónimo / nesônimo
nickname – additional, usually characterising	alcunha / apelido
informal proper name of a person – e.g. The	
Governator for Arnold Schwarzenegger in the US.	
Nicknames are a subcategory of by-names.	
*odonym – see hodonym	odónimo / odônimo
	oicónimo / oicônimo – see ecotopónimo /
oikonym – see settlement name	ecotopônimo
onomastician - name researcher, a person who	onomasticista / onomaticista
studies proper names in a scholarly way	
onomasticon – an onomastic dictionary or its	vocabulário onomástico ** / onomástico *
mental or theoretical counterpart	
onomastics – the study of proper names in a	onomástica
scholarly way.	
onym – see proper name	nome próprio / ônimo – see nome próprio
onymisation – transfer of a linguistic unit	proprialização / onimização – proprialização
(including common nouns, adjectives, verbs,	
interjections, phrases etc.) to the class of proper	
names	
onymy – the set of proper names within a	onomástica / onímia
particular region, language, period of time etc.	
oronym – proper name of an elevated formation of	orónimo / orônimo
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.)	
patronym – personal name originating from the	patronímico
father's name – e.g. Andersson (in Swedish),	
Petrov (in Russian), Fernández, Mori, Olay (in	
Spanish), Berendt, Berendts (in German).	
	nome de pessoa – see antropónimo /
personal name – see anthroponym	antropônimo
place name - see toponym	nome de lugar – see topónimo / topônimo
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product name – proper name of a product (e.g. a	nome de produto
chocolate, car, cigarette etc.), e.g. car Avensis by	
Toyota	
proper name – linguistic expression that uniquely	nome próprio
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.	
proprialisation – see onymisation	proprialização
pseudonym – a fictitious name of a person,	pseudónimo / pseudônimo
usually used by artists, politicians etc. as an	
alternative to their legal name	
psychoonomastics – branch of onomastics	psico-onomástica
studying names from a psycholinguistic point of	
view	
settlement name – proper name of all kinds of	ecotopónimo / ecotopônimo – nome de núcleo
human settlement (cities, towns, villages, hamlets,	de povoação
farms, ranches, houses, etc.) – e.g. Paris, Turku,	
Yokohama, †Troia, Nofim (a house).	
socioonomastics – branch of onomastics	Sócio-onomástica
studying names from a sociolinguistic point of view	
street name – proper name of a thoroughfare in a	nome de rua (a subcategory of hodónimos /
city, town, or village (street-names are a	hodônimos)
subcategory of hodonyms) – e.g. Broadway,	
Baker Street, Unter den Linden	
surname – see family name	sobrenome
theonym – proper name of a god, a goddess, or a	teónimo / teônimo
divinity – e.g. Zeus, Odin, Diana, Morana	
toponomastician [AG]	toponimista
toponomasticon – a toponomastic dictionary or	vocabulário toponímico ** / toponomástico *
its mental or theoretical counterpart	
toponomastics – branch of onomastics studying	toponomástica
toponyms in a scholarly way (NOTE: Sometimes	
also called toponymy which is not recommended	
in this sense.)	
toponym – proper name of a place, both inhabited	topónimo / topônimo
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).	
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NOTE: If limited to the planet Earth, toponyms can	
also be called geographical names.	
toponymy – the set of toponyms within a specific	toponímia
territory/region, language, period of time etc.	
(NOTE: Sometimes also used for a branch of	
onomastics scholarly studying toponyms which is	
not recommended.)	
zoonym – proper name of an animal – e.g. a dog	zoónimo / zoônimo
Fido, an elephant Jumbo	

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^{**}This term follows from the official *Vocabulário Toponímico*, in VOC (https://voc.cplp.org/).