

# **THE OVERVIEW OF THE ORIGIN AND FORMATION OF PATRONIMS (SURNAMES AND FAMILY NAMES) IN GJAKOVA**

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## **Abstract**

Gjakova is a city in the western part of Kosova. Although is one of the newest cities in Kosova, it's seems that it's name comes from a tradition which in the same time confirms also the surname-the first patronims in this place. From the linguistic viewpoint that is going to trains, it shows an extended interest because we're talking for patronims, made in different ways, which gives diversity to the names of families-surnames of this zone: surnames that arise on this zone (city or country) of origin, name of parents transformed in surnames, surnames that tells crafts, profession, titles, high posts, surnames created in the form of nicknames, "epithets", etc. Gjakova is knows for hold of bynames for surnames. Many people says that this constitutes a fortune, of special one its kind. These kind surnames have taken the form of the epithets, with positive and negative colors, which with time are faded. After Berat, though that Gjakova is one of those cities with most "epithets" or bynames. As in toponimy, also in patronymic of people in Gjakova, has left their impact ottoman languages as a result of their long rule of Turkish Empire. But this can not be said for Slavic domination which somehow is noticeable in toponimy, but not at all in the names of families and places. That's because in this zone of Kosova never had more than two percent of populations with Slavic nationality. However the present state of patronymic in this region is the result of a long coexistence of time, mentalities and systems which have been involved people and society.

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