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The science of geography has been increasingly neglected for the last several decades. The less and less importance has been given to this science, especially in our region. The aim of this paper is to point out the forgotten scientific values of both physical and human geography and to recall the memories of the great geographers who had been among the most respected scientists of their times, and who had created the link between natural and social geography over a century ago. Geography is a rare science which creates an ideal link between natural and social characteristics of an area by understanding the causes and effects of all its features and connecting them. In order to connect all these, a geographer needs to use certain methods among which the fundamental are analysis and synthesis. Synthetic approach is the one that provides proper comprehension of the problem from all geographical aspects on the basis of which the conclusions about advantages and disadvantages, possibilities or problems in a certain area are reached. This paper, theoretically and synthetically highlights the importance of geography and geographers and aims at the need for this profession in numerous other positions apart from geography teachers in schools.

Keywords: geography science, physical geography, human geography

CHANGES IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF VOJVODINA AS CONSEQUENCES OF TRANSITION PROCESSES

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Serbian economy has gone through a difficult transition period, and as a result of the transition a new ownership structure of the companies was obtained, a changed economic structure (development of the real sector of the economy neglected), as well as uneven investments compared to the previous allocation of economic capacities. This has contributed to

been revitalized in all parts of Vojvodina equally, which has led to impoverishment of the population and demographic emptying of some parts. On the other hand, the concentration of economic activities in one of territorial poles (in the South-Bačka area) widens the gap between regions and creates preconditions for further strengthening of economic disparities in Vojvodina. The aim of the paper is to analyze the differences of regional development between statistical regions in Vojvodina through the analysis of economic and social elements, i.e. to determine what changes have occurred during the transition processes and to propose activities for overcoming regional inequality in Vojvodina. The results of the research represent the synthesis of the information obtained by using secondary data sources, applying mathematical and statistical methods and comparing development factors between 2001 and 2018.

Keywords: regional development, economic differences, social differences, transition, Vojvodina

DIVERSITY OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL LANDSCAPE AS A FACTOR OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – AN EXAMPLE OF TIMOČKA KRAJINA

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The most acceptable understanding of the cultural landscape for geographers is that it is a space transformed under the influence of man. If transformation becomes too big and unplanned, the cultural landscape can endanger the sustainability and development of the region. Therefore, it is important to take care of the unique natural landscapes in order to strike a balance. Human activities in a particular area are conditioned by its physical geographic characteristics, but the degree of transformation and, to some extent, determining the location of the cultural landscape in the area can be planned. The combining of urban and rural parts, industrially transformed and protected natural areas, in Timočka Krajina is a good example of combining natural and cultural landscapes. Of course, there are some drawbacks, but there are also plenty of opportunities for better quality development. Sustainability must always be a priority in planning the development of the region.

Keywords: cultural landscape, natural landscape, development, Timočka Krajina