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## MAIN POINT AND SEMANTICS OF CHINESE PROPER NAMES

*The main task of the research is revealing the main point and semantics of Chinese proper names. For this purpose are used Chinese historical information, the earliest Chinese dictionary, Chinese proverbs and statistics on contemporary research teams of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, illustrated by numerous examples of names of famous Chinese historical figures or current politicians and applications most frequently used characters in the composition of female and male names.*

*In the Introduction, through the prism of mingmingxue – Chinese Science of names, are discussed basic concepts, such xiaomin ('diminutive name') are marked and the main characteristics of Chinese proper name.*

*In the First part of the study focus of attention is directed to the specifics of the Chinese name system and in the naming tradition by making a parallel with Bulgarian names. Standards are considered the three basic principles which guided the Chinese parents in choosing a name for their children. Emphasis is placed on the structure of the name.*

*In the Second part of the study, by view of the chronological aspect based on a retrospective and comparative analysis have traced the various forms of Chinese names and the historical impact on the system names.*

*In the Third part the author focuses on the etymology and classification of various categories of personal names, discussing the semantic and morphological structures of the Chinese name system. In the foreground is exported cult charge of the semantics of Chinese names, which is a determinator of the fate of the individual.*

*In the Final part, on the basis of modern demographic research, summarized the distribution of names in different Chinese provinces and autonomous regions of the PRC.*