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**PRIJEPOLJE-FACTOR OF REGIONAL INTEGRITY OF**  
**THE SOUTH-WEST SERBIA**

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Monograph "Prije polje - factor of the regional integrity of the south-west Serbia" is original scientific work written based on the theoretical knowledge, scientific methods, field researches, domestic and foreign scientific and professional literature. Monograph by Marija Drobňaković presents urban geographical study of functional urban area of Prije polje (community of Prije polje, Priboj and Nova Varos).

Analysis of observed space was done for period from year 1971 until year 2002. The book consists of 6 chapters presented on 203 pages. The work includes also 24 tabelar notes, 4 cartographic supplements and 34 graphic supplements. In the introduction of monograph, the time and space frame of the researches are defined. The author emphasizes that the subject of the research is defining hierarchy and spatial functional relations in the net of communities of functional urban area of Prije polje.

Theoretical and practical frame of researches is related to territorial organization and uneven regional development of Republic of Serbia as well as necessity of establishment of functional space integrity with functional urban areas, considering practice in the countries of European Union. Third chapter contains review of natural-geographic and cultural-historic characteristics of the researched space, presented through smaller parts-communication position of Prije polje and nearby communities, physical characteristics and development of communities through history. Analysis of spatial demographic and spatial functional characteristics of the areas are presented in chapter Internal structure of functional urban area of Prije polje - interregional changes. Demographic processes are especially emphasized as a significant determinant of community network. Vertical and horizontal division of communities is defined according to the spatial arrangement of the population. Functional characteristics of the communities and spatial arrangement of economic subject have determined a degree of economic development and functional determination of particular communities. With that was done a base for model creation of future development of community net of functional area of Prije polje. In the key chapter of monograph work comparative analysis of spatial functional organization and degree of regional development of functional area of Prije polje and nearby functional areas have contributed to clear determination of role and signification of functional urban area of Prije polje in wider regional environment, and a relation with other functional urban areas of south-west Serbia and over border space. Indicators of regional

linking of areas are daily movement of the population, accessibility and competition of regions and possibility of collaboration.

The author in final considerations as a conclusion mention the possibility and necessity of constitution of larger region, in the observed part of Serbia which would be constituted from functional areas of Uzice, Prijepolje and Novi Pazar. Also the author suggests possible directions of cooperation through trans-border and trans-regional connection of functional area of Prijepolje, with nearby community in Montenegro (Pljevlja and Bijelo Polje) and in The Serb Republic (Rudo). We could make conclusion that the results of investigation presented in monograph "Prijepolje factor of regional integrity of the south-west Serbia" by Marija Drobniaković are base for appropriate territorial organization of Serbia, for establishment of interregional and trans-border cooperation and regional integration in south-west Serbia. Monograph will find its position in further applied researches in the area of regional development and cooperation between regions.

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