

## **STATUS OF CROATIAN LANGUAGE IN BIH IN ADMINISTRATIVE-FUNCTIONAL STYLE FROM 1945 TO 1967**

### **Abstract**

The article deals with sociolinguistic topic – status of Croatian language in public communication in BiH from 1945 to 1967. Experience has shown that historicity of Croatian language in Bosnia and Herzegovina was more or less denied or at least obfuscated, therefore the Croatian language was denied in language politics of that country. Despite that historicity of Croatian in BiH was preserved by different non-linguistic (pointing out many historical, ethnic, cultural and other particularities) and of course linguistic means. Since the paper deals with position of Croatian language in public communication in Bosnia and Herzegovina and since the standard language is realized through its functional styles, attention is directed to one of the most represented styles in the area of communication – administrative functional style. Texts from the official organs *Official Journal NR BiH* or *Official Journal SR BiH* and *Official Gazette of Mostar Municipality* were analyzed for the needs of research on position of Croatian language in the mentioned period and on that style plan. Collected materials were analyzed at the lexical, phonological, morphological and syntactical level.

*Key words:* Croatian standard language, Bosnia and Herzegovina, language politics, public communication, legal and real position, sociolinguistics, administrative style