

## Panel Discussion

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In wrapping up the first day of our presentations, Paul Woodman singled out seven topics, which are of high importance for further discussions in the seminars on sea-names. From a linguistic and cultural aspect are these the following:

- Culture
- Justice
- Memory
- Identity

Prof. Dudden added the term “value”, Prof. Choo the element “human” and Prof. Stoltman brought the item “dignity” into discussion.

All these specifics are in some way or another linked together and should not be separated from each other, when the whole significance of names shall be appreciated. All these terms could be summarized under an umbrella term “global ethics”. In a holistic view the term “culture” may be interpreted in its broadest sense as it is done by the United Nations in the UNESCO document “Our creative diversity”, namely as the “... way of living together ...”. In the amendments to this document Th. E. Eriksen raised the demands for the development of a "global ethics". The path to an intercultural and interdisciplinary approach to comprehend the full scope of geographical names is paved and researched by the various branches of the onomastic disciplines (linguistics, semiotics, semantics, etymology, cultural-historical researches).

Under these culture-bound auspices some future topics for the East-Sea Seminars shall be pointed out:

- The elaboration of specifications for a “global ethics” catalogue in a scientific context: What is meant by it, which are the keywords to be included and which themes should better be excluded.
- Definition of the terms “global ethics, justice, value, human, dignity” as assigned to

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geographical names and their impact on the conflicting name cases on the globe.

- Procedures on the national level to develop an ethics catalogue (and on the international level, preferably together with UNGEGN): education, dissemination of knowledge at a broad extent (schools, media, broadcasting bodies), academic procedures (pupils and students are the future representatives of the culture of a country).
- Models for the dissemination of the cultural background knowledge about specific / historic geographical names.
- What are the surplus values of researching the „human“ or „ethic“ aspects of geographical names on national, international and bilateral levels?
- Development of concepts for the solution and for the prevention of global naming conflicts, field research on the backgrounds of double naming policies and naming conflicts.
- What role has (geo)politics in the naming processes of geographical names at all.

Prof. Dudden brought into discussion that the cooperation with science journalists could open a fruitful discussion on these items, disseminate information and lay the ground for a better understanding.