

Summary

Medieval Place Name Change on the Iberian Peninsula

Toponymic change on the Iberian peninsula is based on the same motives as elsewhere. A distinctive feature is the "Reconquista". Connected with the recapture of the "Moorish" centre and south, the processes of expulsion, expropriation, distribution of country and land-grasps, finally cultivation are of great onomastic interest. Different cultures came together: the Arabic (which already had to do with the indigenous Latin situation), the Romance (with already developed individual languages) and to a minor degree also the Germanic. Onomastically the process becomes obvious in adaptation, translation and creation of new names. It is renewed in the hispanization of the New World.