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Title: Emojination: using pictographs in teaching BCS speaking skills

Abstract:

The poster presentation focuses on the use of pictographs in teaching BCS speaking skills. It elaborates on different cases in which pictographs can be incorporated in the narrative, starting from single words, to longer phrases, to entire sentences, and ending with the use of images without text for developing students' speaking skills. The presentation draws on various materials from visual culture of the former Yugoslavia, in order to show how its history and shared cultural knowledge of the former federation can be successfully integrated in the BCS language classroom. Finally, the poster addresses conceptual similarities in using contemporary e-mojis for prompting students to practice relevant vocabulary and develop speaking skills in regard to the specific topics.