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ABOUT CROATIAN KINSHIP TERMINOLOGY

Some aspects in contemporary Croatian dictionaries

Summary

The aim of the paper is to explain problems of dictionary defining of a part of Croatian kinship terminology, which, because of many regional and speaking differences, represents a complex structure for its lexicographic description. After a short review of literature about Croatian kinship terminology, on the examples of defining certain terms in dictionaries of contemporary Croatian language, the author will try to show different approaches in their defining, especially stylistic marking. Certain results will be obtained by comparing one part of kinship terminology contained in the contemporary Croatian dictionaries with a dictionary of kinship terms in the Croatian language written by Franjo Tanocki in 1983. While doing that it will be kept in mind that some of the terms are not entered with all of their manifestations because of author's intention to standardize system of terminology which he writes down. The author will also try to show some of changes which lead to narrowing of contemporary classification of kinship terminology.

Key words: kinship terminology, lexicographic entry, stylistic features.

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