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Ontology of discourse in modern linguistics

It is considered the problem of ontological grounding of the linguistic theory of discourse and aims at interpreting discourse as an object of linguistic studies in terms of ontology at the current stage of science. In order to fulfill the analysis, it is introduced a concept of a scientific picture of discourse, which relates a certain linguistic theory to a discursive reality. As a consequence of the analysis from structuralist and poststructuralist sides, we claim that a scientific picture of discourse can be considered as an appropriate concept to categorize linguistic knowledge about discourse. Besides, it is argued that there exist two scientific pictures of discourse, depending on which perspective – structuralist or poststructuralist – prevails.

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