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Structural-semantic aspects of German youth slang

Structural-semantic aspects of German youth slang are being examined. Youth slang reflects value priorities of young people that can be presented in detail in the most relevant semantic fields, connected through lexical meaning and illustrative of their key thematic components. Slangisms are classified into the following semantic fields: “Sport”, “Fashion”, “Food”, “The Internet”, “Movies”. An analysis of parts of speech and their derivational models, as well as of stylistic means of expression that form the highlighted fields is conducted. The results of this research demonstrate that semantic fields of youth slangisms exist in the form of complex systematically organized structures, the boundaries of which are quite ambiguous. Conclusions were made, regarding the semantics of fields being able to allow to distinguish the pragmatic component and to mark the common and the different in the highlighted fields, also allowing to designate the “own” and the “alien”.

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