

Abstract

The aim of this paper is to describe the dialect of the Czech enclave in the village of Huluboaia (Cahul district, Moldova) compared to other dialects of North-Eastern Bohemian origin in Czech emigration enclaves in the territory of Russia and Ukraine. The material base of the study consists of authentic recordings of interviews with speakers of this dialect obtained by the author during his field research in 2023, confronted with older recordings made in the locality by representatives of the Czech media about 15 years ago.

The first part of this paper analyses the conditions under which this dialect was formed. It includes, first of all, the historical context from the establishment of the village to the present time, and also the social and cultural phenomena discussed in terms of their influence on the language. The second part focuses on the description of the dialect under examination at all linguistic levels, i.e. phonetic and phonological, morphological, syntactical and lexical, and the comparison of its features with the situation in the Czech dialects in the motherland and in the varieties of Czech that developed in the territory of the former tsarist Russia, with regard to the evidences of interlingual interference.

Key words

Moldova, Huluboaia/Goluboje, Czech expatriate community, ethnic minority, Czech dialectology, Northeast Bohemian dialects, language contact