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**RUSSIAN-MANCHU VERSION OF THE CONTACT LANGUAGE IN OLD
BLAGOVESHCHENSK (ON THE VARIANTS OF CONTACT LANGUAGES
IN THE FAR EAST)**

Abstract

The current article discusses the data that prove the hypothesis of Russian-Manchu contact language functioning in the city of Blagoveshchensk (the Amur region) at the beginning of its history as a result of communication between new-coming Russians and native Manchu population. Evidences of regional Russian and Manchu lexical units mergers in the language structure are demonstrated.

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