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Review of the monograph by Yu. S. Stepanov “Methods and principles of modern linguistics”

Abstract

The reviewed monograph presents the results of a comprehensive multi-aspect study of the methodology of linguistic science, namely, the main specific research methods of linguistics are considered and analyzed, taking into account such most important principles of modern linguistics as historical and logical. The book gives an overview and systematic description of special linguistic methods. Based on the problem of the lack of a unified classification of methods, the author structures the book in a special way: initially generalizing the important methodological principles of current work, then exploring the known methodological principles, based on their application to describe the language in a diachronic aspect, and, finally, considering the principles of linguistics from the point of view of their applications for the purpose of synchronous and logical description of the language. In the study of methods and principles, the author maintains the order of presentation corresponding to the hierarchy of methods. The generalizations presented in each part after the review of methods and principles are illustrated by examples of the use of methods by Russian and foreign linguists with a detailed analysis of the latter.

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