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Means on linguistic axiological conceptualization of *Other* in the reflective discourse of M. Montaigne

Abstract

The study aims to model the axiological system of the reflexive discourse's subject in "Essais" ("Essays") by M. Montaigne. The concept of OTHER (AUTRE) is constructed using the linguistic axiological analysis of precedent personalities representation. The relevance of studying the conceptualization of Other is associated with the interpretation of the binomial "Me – Other" as a basic cognitive category of otherness. The study argues that the key parameter of reflective discourse is its axiological value focusing on subjectivization and evaluation of the object and on the transformation of the concept. The edition published in Bordeaux Province in 1588 and uploaded in the MonLOE corpora (MONTaigne à L'Œuvre) was chosen as material for the study. Minimal text tokens including the axiological features of the concept OTHER were selected for the study. They were of various sizes: one-word / two-word appositive / attributive / multi-word nominations, microtexts. It was discovered that the concept of OTHER is based on the reconstruction and re-evaluation of historical precedent personalities from the position of profiling subjective ameliorative, mixed and pejorative features. Such linguistic axiological elements as indirect descriptive and evaluative nominations, periphrasis, axiologically marked nominations, and verbal portraits-microtexts highlighted the traits of a precedent personality. The analysis enabled to restore the androcentric values / anti-values of M. Montaigne presented in the structure of the author's axiological system in the dichotomy VERTU / VICE.

Keywords: reflective discourse, conceptualization, axiological linguistics, concept OTHER, otherness, value constant, nomination

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