

PHILOLOGY

Anastasia V. Malysheva

(Military university of Defense Ministry of Russian Federation. Moscow, Russian Federation)

Diachrony of prepositions V zhe and V le in Chinese

The research is devoted to the description of the properties of using the Chinese prepositions “V le” and “V zhe” in diachrony and is based on the predicational model theory of the language, as well as the theory of positional morphology. The article presents the results of the analysis of the texts of various historical periods and researches of Chinese linguists devoted to the use of two-syllable prepositions. The article describes characteristics and features of the functions of the prepositions “V 着” and “V 了”. The article names the main positions of the prepositions “V le” and “V zhe” inside the predication chain and highlights the main periods of the prepositions development (including the appearance of prepositions, increasing the frequency of their use, and falling out of use). The article suggests possible reasons for reducing the number of prepositions of the structure “V le” in modern Chinese and makes an assumption of possibilities for preserving and developing the tendency to use verbs with the suffix “zhe” in the future.

Key words: prepositions, position of preposition, suffix 着 and suffix 了, diachrony, modern Chinese language, historical periods.

October 8, 2018