

PHILOLOGY

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Legal aspects of language functioning

A language being directed either to the outer world or to the human determines a special place of language studies within the system of science. It also enforces the trend to formation of multiple bordering subjects, including legal linguistics. Any legal manifestation – a legislative act, a court trial – is always of textual nature, an act of verbal communication which is consequently an aspect of a language. Today the question of the linguistic law, comprising several components, where the right for linguistic ecology according to which human has the right for a comfortable language environment, is the most vital. If a person feels stress or humiliation because of invective lexicon, the law is to protect their right for the relative linguistic environment. Thus, the right for linguistic ecology is inseparable from the right for protection of honor and dignity of a person. As the genre of communicative invective basing on different means of discrediting an opponent became widely used, the number of cases on harming the honor and dignity of a person, on defamation increased drastically, practical interaction of linguists and lawyers is inevitable.

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