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Feminitives as a way to eliminate gender asymmetry in the Russian language

The process of activating the formation of feminitives in the Russian language at the turn of the centuries and the beginning of the 21st century is analyzed as a way to overcome gender asymmetry, that is, the predominance of the male linguistic worldview in different languages. It is established that feminitives expose the underside of the "gender" order and illustrate the close relationship between language, culture, and social thinking, that their research is important for establishing patterns and trends in the development of the language system that are not identified based on the analysis of only usual vocabulary. The main thematic groups of feminitives, methods of their formation, categories of correlation / non-correlation with masculine nouns, and their stylistic coloring are determined. The synonymous relations arising between the newest feminitives, as well as the degree of their reflection in modern explanatory dictionaries, are described.

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