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A Linguo-mythological space of the Toponym "Siberia" in contemporary Slavonic linguistic consciousness

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Abstract

The article deals with the problem of apprehension of Siberia as a particular mythological space in linguistic consciousness of the Slavs. The researchers study the etymological roots of toponym transformation. They try to understand why Siberia acts as a sacral place with complex network of associative fields. The authors consider the problem, why Siberia is perceived as an analogue to Tartarus, a peculiar purgatory and alongside with that, a place of obtainment of superhuman powers and abilities. At the same time, the researchers show the ways of formation of toponymical synopsis in language consciousness of the Russians. © IDOSI Publications, 2014.

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