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Forest, water and field mythological creatures of the West Slavs

Abstract

The goal of this Bachelor's thesis is to present the issue of the mythological entities which inhabit the environment of the forest, fields and waters, and how they conceived among the western Slavs - frequently using the comparative materials from all the Slavic countries. The core of this thesis is dedicated to some of the most important entities of every single environment and their characteristics, known from the folklore. The framework of this thesis is based on the phenomenon of the borders between the enviroments, competences and different type of origins of the supernatural entities within the folklore and Slavic culture. The rituals and concepts of the folklore are the main sources of our effort to locate the function of these beings in everyday life and in their natural environments. To sum it up, this thesis should clarify the conception of supernatural entities among the western Slavs with emphasis on their origin, their territories and the borders between them.