

Abstract (in English)

Listeners' perception of non-native speech has been a popular research topic in academia for many years. The topic of this paper is a comparison of the rating of non-native speech (specifically, native Chinese speakers) by listeners with different native languages, namely native Czech speakers and Chinese learners of Czech language as a foreign language. In particular, the influence of listener, speaker, and speech material factors on the rating of non-native speech was investigated.

25 Chinese listeners and 25 Czech listeners participated in the perception test. Their task was to rate the degree of comprehensibility and accentedness on the presented recordings of seven native speakers of Chinese who spoke Czech.

The results of the experiment showed that the speech of the Chinese speakers was more comprehensible to Chinese listeners than to Czech listeners. At the same time, Chinese listeners perceived the foreign accent as weaker compared to Czech listeners. The matching of the speaker's and listener's native language background played a role. There was a weak correlation between the dimensions investigated, i.e. comprehensibility and accentedness. This study provides new insights for research on the pronunciation of Czech language as a foreign language of Chinese speakers.