

ANOTATION:

This study investigated terms contained in nomenclature of czech psychopaedia, especially their historical (etymological) and semantic (stands for those terms) purport. The study consists of theoretical and practical part.

Theoretical part is dedicate to history and etymology of terms, that are used in czech psychopaedia. First chapter – Introduction to the topic – defines the term of mental retardation and the term of semantics. Second chapter – History of czech psychopaedia terms – is dedicate to history and experts, authors of terminology that is used in connection with mental retardation across czech lands. Third chapter – Etymology of terms used in czech psychopaedia – is introducing us into the etymological analysis.

Practical part – research in form of questionnaire, aims to map changes in understanding of these terms by generations and its inclusion into different layers of vocabulary. The exclusive purpose of this study is to map progression of the the meaning of the term and changes in nomenclature.