

The goal of the thesis „Semantic analysis of personal pronouns in portuguese“ is to analyse meaning and sense of personal pronouns in contemporary portuguese. Taking into account many studies considering only specific categories of portuguese pronoun clitics, the objective was to create a more complex study, using a broader variety of semantic methods. The first part of the thesis gives a brief account on various semantic approaches. The emphasis was put on the way how different authors understand the meaning of language signs and how they view the category of personal pronouns. The approaches considered as suitable for analysis of portuguese personal pronouns were identified and their principles presented in more details.

In the second part of the thesis, an attempt was made to evaluate the basic anaphoric function in general and specifically in the field of the personal pronouns. The DRT method – a specific method based on the principles of formal dynamic semantics – enabled to formulate precise definitions of general meanings of particular personal pronouns and their relevant semantic traits. The results of the DRT analysis were put into the context of the lexical semantics. The method traditionally used in the lexical semantics was modified and broaden by the use of the third position of sem (the potential presence) and the mathematical set theory. Further, an attempt was made to analyse potential meanings of nominative and particularly objective pronouns which don't correspond with their general definitions.