

Abstract:

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The work is devoted to the Russian social dialect, in particular to the argot of criminals and déclassé groups. In the first chapter we focus on terminology, which is used for description of the languages of criminals, for example: secret language, conventional language, argot, jargon, blat, fenja and others. In the second chapter we try to clarify types of argots – general, prison and specialized. In the third chapter we describe main functions of argot and in the fourth we want to show historical development of Russian argot from the very beginning to the present, based on the research, which was done on linguistics, belles-lettres, sociology and ethnography.