

Abstract

This MA thesis focuses on the stylistically marked features that occur in an English radio debate called *Any Questions?* aired by BBC – Radio 4 and a Czech radio debate called *Speciál Martina Veselovského* aired on Český rozhlas 1 – Radiožurnál.

Stylistically marked features are restricted to certain kinds of social context: in the case of this thesis, it is two radio debates broadcast by public service media. Those linguistics features that are considered stylistically marked in the two debates are identified on the morphological, syntactical and lexical level, and classified into categories based upon a view of their functions. Subsequently, they are described as standard or nonstandard. Some of the features found are shared by both debates. However, some are, due to the different language systems concerned, symptomatic of only one of the languages.

The difference between the English and the Czech stylistically marked features is also revealed as to the frequency of their occurrence. Finally, the conclusions about the level of informality of the two debates are drawn.