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КОНТИНУУМ ВЕЛЯРИЗАЦИИ [l] В АРУМЫНСКОМ ГОВОРЕ Г. СЕЛЕНИЦА

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[The Continuum of [l]-Velarization in the Aromanian Dialect of the Town of Selenica]

Abstract: This article is dedicated to the characteristic features of [l]-velarization in the Aromanian variety of the town Selenica (Vlora District, Albania). The study has been conducted using audio data gathered in 2018–2019, during field work, and in 2024, from open sources. In the article, the acoustic criteria used to determine the presence of velarization are described, based on the findings of Daniel Recasens. The levels of [l]-velarization in the analyzed examples from Selenica are presented as a continuum, based on the sounds' acoustic parameters, which we believe to be a more rational approach compared to using a binary division of velarized and non-velarized consonants. With the use of data from the Balkan languages as well as typological materials, we suggest the possible causes of [l]-velarization in the Aromanian variety of Selenica: firstly, the local Albanian-Aromanian language contact on the phonetic level, and secondly, a general Eastern Romance tendency towards velarization, which has been registered in various idioms across the entire Eastern Romance geographical area.

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