

## ABSTRACTS

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### THE MYSTERY OF THE BASQUE LANGUAGE

The article deals with the linguistic issue connected with the unknown Basque origin. The authors of the article highlight the major hypotheses regarding the origin of the Basque language. While observing the theories and hypotheses both synchronic and diachronic approaches are applied. The authors analyse basic peculiarities of the Basque language and their probable causes. In addition, the status of Basque is also compares in France and Spain. The central idea of the article concerns the Basque language isolation (in comparison with Indo-European language family) and its current activity in the modern French and Spanish society, its role and impact. In general, the whole article represents a sociolinguistic investigation which reveals an unequal status of the Basque native language in different states which brings about the growing concerns about the official, national and native language in the Basque country (Spain). The main aspects are partially devoted to the historical background of the Basque language development, social attitude towards it, its oppression under different governments and its current topicality and influence. Finally, the authors come to a conclusion that despite the political and political Basques oppression their language is still considered to be not only isolated but one of the oldest one in the whole Europe and due to the Basques' identity and strong national character they succeeded in preserving their pure mother tongue practically without assimilation, which also proves its linguistic potential and Basque people indigenous right to use it here and there.