

On the adaptation of Georgian loanwords in the Hinuq language¹

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Abstract

The article discusses the Georgian loanwords in the Hinuq language and establishes the regular patterns governing these borrowings. It is shown that, historically, the languages (resp. the peoples) under investigation have been in close contact, which is clearly evidenced by both old and recent lexical borrowings. On the basis of a maximally broad consideration of data from the relevant languages and dialects, the study identifies the routes of borrowing and examines the issues of their structural-semantic adaptation. An attempt is made to establish the relative chronology of simple lexical borrowings, and the specific features of the structural-semantic adaptation of the corresponding words are demonstrated.

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