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**LINGUISTIC EXPRESSION OF THE CONCEPT OF *BAD WEATHER*  
IN THE BULGARIAN FOLK CALENDAR (THE CHRONONYMS СУХ  
'DRY', ГЛУХ 'DEAF', ЛУД 'MAD', БЕСЕИ 'RABID', ШЕМЕТЕН  
'DIZZY', ВРЪТОГЛАВ 'GIDDY', ЧЕРЕИ 'BLACK', РЪЖДИВ  
'RUSTY', ЧЕРВИВ 'WORM-EATEN', ПРАЗЕИ 'EMPTY')**

(Abstract)

Traditionally, calendar time is viewed as a cyclic notion, which re-determines the existence of transitional periods serving as mythological and factual boundaries. In the majority of cases these periods have negative symbolism as they are characterised by disturbance in the balance between heaven and earth, between the forces of cosmos and chaos. For these reasons, the periods of transition are regarded as dangerous and impure. The article titled "Evil Time" in the Bulgarian Folk Calendar deals with a group of terms in Bulgarian calendar terminology – chrononyms denoting those periods and days in the Bulgarian folk calendar which represent the most unfavourable time of the year according to folk beliefs. The paper addresses chrononyms formed with the roots *къс-* (short), *куц-* (lame), *мръс-* (dirty), *сух-* (dry), *глух-* (deaf), *ръжд-* (rust), etc. The semantic analysis studies each chrononym in the context of the system of holidays, prohibitions and preventive action.

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