A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEMANTIC CHARACTERIZATION OF DATIVE PREDICATIVE CONSTRUCTIONS DENOTING MENTAL EXPERIENCES

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The article presents and interprets the constructions consisting of a predicative referring to inner human experiences and a dative clitic denoting the human that experiences them. I begin by providing an analysis of the main features of these constructions and the characteristics that distinguish them from dative predicate constructions and impersonal constructions which realise or imply a nominative or accusative human experiencer. Special attention is paid to the place and role of oblique case pronominal clitics. The grammatical functions and the content of these clitics are clarified. From a semantic point of view, a specific feature of the predicatives from the studied group is that they name unambiguously defined classes of words – perceptions, emotions and evaluative experiences made on a cognitive and emotional-affective basis. An analysis of the peculiarities in the realisation of the category of person by the verb in these constructions is offered. I introduce the concept of body image, which helps in clarifying the problem regarding the possibilities for spatial localisation of the internal states and assessments.

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