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***Lingvokul'turologija*: language, culture, and national character in post-Soviet Russia**

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Within post-Soviet Russian academia, the discourse on national character has gained a huge popularity thanks to a new scholarly field known as *lingvokul'turologija* (linguistic culturology; LC). Revitalizing the Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis, LC-studies postulate a dependency between the way the speakers of a language think and act and the peculiarities of the grammar and lexis of this language. In particular, such principle is applied to the Russian language, whose structures are regarded as 'keys' to understand the Russian culture and thus the Russian national character. In my talk I will suggest that, whilst LC seems to be inconsistent from the perspective of linguistic science, it is highly effective in that of the narrative identity it delivers; a narrative whose results go far beyond the boundaries of the academic world.

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