

PRESENTATION

MULTILINGUALISM VS. MONOLINGUALISM IN LATVIAN SCIENCE COMMUNICATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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Multilingualism in various communicative situations, including scientific communication, warrants the richness and diversity of a culture and serves as a source of innovation. The fact that national languages develop into scientific languages already shows that each individual language had the potential and advantage over the *Lingua Franca* of its time. In this context, Latin can be mentioned as an example. Nowadays, the greatest focus is on the use of English in science, however, the question of language choice in scientific discourse is either insufficiently explored or simply ignored. Therefore, the presentation will examine the research question: What languages do scientists in Latvia choose and what factors influence their choice?

The presentation deals with the factors influencing language choice in scientific communication such as scientific articles and dissertations. A quantitative analysis is made, from which observations and conclusions for further research can be derived.

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