

The Buryat language in the age of globalization: perspectives of the ethnic minorities' language development (linguistic and sociolinguistic aspects)

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This report is on one of the urgent problems of language policy in a multicultural society like Russia, i.e. functioning of a language of an ethnic minority in a broad social context. Being legally equal Russian and other languages of the Peoples of the Russian Federation are divided functionally by the spheres of their unequal application. The author considers the asymmetrical language development can be proved on the example of the Buryat language. The latter in fact purposefully ignored has no any possibilities for the enrichment of its vocabulary and grammar according to modern scientific technologies. The national languages need a real protection and an effective promotion on the international level. In the author's opinion the teaching process can provide for new educational models which affect positively the national minorities by adding to their self-identity, self-esteem and social connectedness.