DOUBLETS IN THE STANDARD LANGUAGE – NECESSARY AND UNAVOIDABLE

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This paper provides a brief overview of the notion of doublets as one of the language universals. The phenomenon is discussed in its relationship with other phenomena such as variance, standard language, codification processes, print technology and language attitudes. I argue that doublets are necessary to reflect the dynamic character of the norms of the standard language, on the one hand, while serving as one of the major sources for the intellectualisation of the standard language, on the other.

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