**BRAVERY AS A VALUE IN THE HISTORY
OF THE BULGARIAN LITERARY LANGUAGE**

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The paper examines the semantic realizations and verbalizations of *bravery* as a value in the history of the Bulgarian language and culture. The author has studied linguistic data found in Old Bulgarian manuscripts from the 9th–11th c., original writings by Patriarch Euthymius from the 14th c. and New Bulgarian damaskins from the 17th c. The system of words and phrases that represent *bravery* as a value and its distribution in different cultural contexts are analyzed in relation to Christian ideas of the Middle Ages, Hesychasm and the new ideas of the pre-Revival period.

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