

## *TAMAR NINIDZE*

### EXPRESSING APPROACHES BETWEEN HIGH AND LOW STRATA IN THE LANGUAGE OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS OF 15<sup>TH</sup>– 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES

*Euphemization of speech is a feature characteristic to a highly developed and cultural society. Euphemisms belong to the sphere of etiquette in the language. The following verbal euphemisms attested in historical documents of the 15<sup>th</sup>– 17<sup>th</sup> centuries are of special interest: tkma/br5aneba (to say), micema/bo5eba (to give/to grant, to bestow), mocana/mortmeva (to bring/to grant, to offer).*

The sphere of their application is determined by in accordance with the hierarchy (lord, king, master, serf).

*Inequality between the strata, the hierarchy is distinctly reflected in the speech of every social stratum leading to forms of the etiquette. This phase (the period when the documents were composed) should be regarded as a transitional one when the polite forms were being marked).*