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ON GREETING - FAREWELL FORMULAS IN GEORGIAN AND ARABIC

The article discusses the forms of greetings and farewells attested in the speech of different nations with different traditions, language and religion (i.e. Orthodox Georgians and Arab Muslims).

From the perspective of linguoculturology, the study as well as comparison of these formulas is very interesting because it clearly demonstrates the similarities and specificities of various linguistic groups, bringing the nation's history to attention, to some extent.

Despite the fact that we are dealing with radically different cultures, the examined materials reveal that the greeting-farewell formulas in Georgian and Arabic are often similar. To a certain extent, they reflect the nation's history as well as social, gender and age differentiation.

In summary, the analyzed forms that are attested in Georgian and Arabic reveal that they have rather turned into templates: however, they once again prove that universal human values, occurring across totally distinct and diverse cultures and being described from the perspective of every particular culture, often overlap.