Abstract

The doctoral dissertation titled "Linguistic and Discourse Analysis of Selected Internet Forums for Young Mothers" stems from an interest in the topic of motherhood and the desire to expand the research on its online representation. Its aim is to explore online communication platforms that have not yet been thoroughly examined from a linguistic and discourse perspective. While forums have been of interest to researchers from various disciplines, there is still no monographic study focusing on forums related to motherhood issues. The dissertation employs tools from media linguistics as well as classical methods of qualitative analysis of content and the structure of linguistic messages used in stylistics, textology, linguistic genology, and text linguistics. These methods describe specific linguistic elements used by internet users on the studied forums, which are also typical for contemporary internet communication in Polish. The dissertation also applies methods of DA (Discourse Analysis) and CMDA (Computer-Mediated Discourse Analysis).

The work on the dissertation spanned several years. Between 2019 and 2024, a qualitative analysis of texts posted on the following forums was conducted: *Mamo to ja*, *Parenting*, *Forum dla mam*, *Baby Boom*, *Na obcasach*, *Mama klub*, *My mamy*, *eBobas*, *eDziecko*, and *Maluchy*.

The dissertation consists of three chapters and a conclusion. The first chapter discusses selected facts about the Internet and provides information on forums, discourse, genre, text, communication, and online communication. The second chapter is dedicated to linguistic and stylistic aspects. The third chapter includes discourse analysis. The topic of motherhood is discussed in socio-cultural and political contexts. The dissertation also presents stereotypes and prejudices concerning mothers. The conclusion summarizes the research findings.

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