About relations between language, culture and identity in the diaspora

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Summary

The aim of the present paper is the contextual intersection of terms: culture, language, identity and presentation of relevant contexts of communication of different cultural community members. It is a complicated interdisciplinary issue at the border of linguistics and ethnology. Socialization and acculturation are largely based on becoming familiar with symbols, symbol systems and on gaining skills in their use. In this context, it is true that a human (as a community member) learns more than he creates. If language is understood as a part of culture, it is understandable that they are identical – it represents the same syncretic unit. In terms of ethnic identity, language is one of the most significant ethno-differentiating factors. The condition of undepreciated implementation of communicative function of language is the knowledge of culture in all its categories – material-technological, socio-organizational and symbolic, too.