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Russian Speech in Estonia: the Peculiarity of Discoursive Practices

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The report continues the row of the author's publications devoted to the peculiarities of speech and communicative behaviour in the situation of the language contacts. The peculiarities of the Russian diaspora's speech in Estonia and the new speech practices which were fixed by the researchers before are considered on the base of the concept "discoursive practices". Some kinds of discoursive practices which are typical for the situation of the language contacts and the specificy of Russian diaspora are revealed and analyzed by the author. The main thesis of the report is that the peculiarities of the diaspora's language which are manifested by the language means and units are the result of the specific character of the local discoursive practices. Accordingly, the author suggests that it is necessary to analyze the diaspora's language taking into account a type of the discoursive practices. It is proposed to identify the general features of these practices, for example code switching, place and space characteristics, meta-language reflection. "Bilingua"-texs will be also examined as a specific example of discoursive practice.