

Consequences of Russian Linguistic Hegemony In (Post-) Soviet Colonial Space

The *de facto* policies that promoted Russian linguistic hegemony in Soviet colonial space throughout most of the twentieth century have had profound impact on the sociolinguistic *milieux* of minority languages in post-Soviet polities, and further they have frequently also triggered moderate to full-scale reorganization of grammatical systems in these languages in the twenty-first century. In this paper I offer an overview of the fate of linguistic diversity in (post-)Soviet colonial space, covering most of northern and western Eurasia, specifically focusing on the impact of Russian linguistic hegemony on the ethnolinguistic identity of minority community members in this space, and on the structures of the minority languages themselves as observed in their contemporary contexts (Anderson 2005; Grenoble 2000, 2010, 2012; Gruzdeva 2000).

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