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*How Comparison of the Gender Category in Croatian and Hindi Language Can Improve the Description of Hindi Grammatical Gender*

The category of gender is present in many Indo-European languages and it is considered to be one of the most complicated grammatical categories. Although both Croatian and Hindi language have this category, its description in the grammar books differs greatly. As the description of the gender in Hindi grammar books does not correspond with the modern linguistic approach, it is an obstacle in the path of analyzing its similarities and differences with other languages as well as an obstacle in the path of understanding it while learning Hindi as a foreign language. Due to its connection to the comprehension of the gender in extralinguistic reality, the description of the grammatical gender often seems uncompleted and inappropriate. Indian authors, motivated by gender inequity in Indian society, generally prefer to deal with gender as a social phenomenon. Based on the master's thesis entitled *Comparison of the Category of Gender in Croatian and Hindi*, the aim of the presentation is to present a simpler and more systematic description of Hindi grammatical gender as well as to briefly reflect on how the Hindi-speaking society could potentially benefit from better, neutral understanding of Hindi grammatical gender.