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**DIALECTS AND DIALECTOLOGY – A PERSPECTIVE**

**Abstract:**  In this article the author discusses the new tasks of Bulgarian dialectology in the light of changed social conditions. It is highlighted that dialectology is facing towards the past of language and today`s condition can be seen only by means of the methods of sociolinguistics. Dialectology needs to become a correlative in the area of sociolinguistics. Attention is paid to the phenomenon of mezolect, which means the new type dialects, free from the traditional ones.

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