Problemy z {chłopem}. Próba analizy diachroniczno-synchronicznej

{Guy} problem. An attempt at diachronic and synchronic analysis of the lexeme {chłop}

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Summary
The paper analyzes the properties of the Polish lexeme {chłop}, as seen from both
diachronic and synchronic perspective.
In the first part the author makes use of Polish and Slavonic etymological dictionaries
in order to outline various hypotheses concerning the origin of the word, and traces its
semantic development in the Polish language on the basis of historical and
contemporary dictionaries.
The second part is devoted to the functioning of {chłop} in the contemporary Polish
language. The treatment of the lexeme in contemporary lexicographic sources is
commented on. Finally, the author distinguishes (on the basis of the lexeme’s syntactic
properties) three homonymous units of language possessing the shape {chłop} and
attempts to formulate a preliminary definitions thereof.