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Kształtowanie się znaczeń zwrotów z wyrazem "zmysły" w polszczyźnie (na materiale słownikowym)

Shaping meanings of expressions with the word "zmysły" in the Polish language (a dictionary-based account)

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Summary

The paper analyzes the semantic evolution of Polish noun "zmysł" in the period spanning from the Old Polish to the 19th century. The supposed impact of the Latin noun *sensus* on the initial meaning of the Polish noun "zmysł" is discussed. During the oldest period the following meanings of the noun "zmysł" prevailed: 'ability to feel sth,' 'capability of thinking and understanding,' later also 'special aptitude to sth,' e.g. "zmysł polityczny", "zmysł organizacyjny". However, in the paper special attention is paid to the less frequent meanings of the word "zmysł" that originated later, e.g. 'desire'. Moreover, the article traces the origins of meanings of *zmysł* in plural, as well as processes of creation of some collocations (such as "paść / leżeć bez zmysłów", "stracić zmysły", "odchodzić od zmysłów", "odzyskać zmysły", "być przy (zdrowych) zmysłach", "pomieszanie zmysłów", etc.). The semantic analysis is illustrated with data collected from various historical dictionaries of the Polish language.