

Abstract

This bachelor thesis is concerned with the use of the German indefinite pronoun *frau* in contemporary written German language. It is a phenomenon occurring as a substitute for the indeterminate pronoun *man* used as a general subject. The thesis is based on DeReKo, the German reference corpus, in which 1,000 use examples were selected for the analysis. In the practical part, the corpus data are processed and interpreted, the theoretical parts map the use and meaning of the phenomenon in various linguistic disciplines, and comment on its state of research in available vocabularies. The aim of the work is to outline the development and occurrences of the phenomenon use in the period 2001-2015.