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The methodology of the *Loanword Typology project*: opportunities for the investigation of loanwords in Slavic

This paper will provide a detailed comparison of several subdatabases from *The World Loanword Database* (<http://wold.livingsources.org>), primarily the *Lower Sorbian vocabulary* (Bartels 2009), *Old High German vocabulary* (Schuhmann 2009) and *Dutch vocabulary* (Van der Sijs 2009). This will identify strengths and weaknesses of the *Loanword Typology project* and investigate the prospects of a systematic investigation of the core vocabulary of the individual Slavic languages on the basis of this project's methodology.

I will then discuss the results from my research into the Germanic loanwords in Proto-Slavic (Pronk-Tiethoff 2013) against the background of the general findings and results from the *Loanword Typology project*, focusing on the semantic fields and semantic word classes (cf. Tadmor 2009).

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