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THE KASHUBIAN INDEFINITE MARKER *JEDEN* ‘ONE’ AND ITS GRAMMATICALISATION

This article analyses the use of the indefinite marker *jeden* ‘one’ in contemporary Kashubian, which has often been treated simply as an indefinite article in previous studies. A synchronic description has been presented in the first part of this paper, comparing the use of the indefinite marker in Kashubian with that in Polish, Upper Sorbian and German. The second part deals with the diachronic change in Kashubian in this respect. The main conclusion of this paper is that Kashubian has never developed the indefinite article *per se*, while its usage was far more frequent in the past, which could be explained by the emergence of the German influence.

Keywords: Kashubian, indefinite marker, language contact, German, Upper Sorbian, Polish.

1. INTRODUCTION

According to Friedrich Lorentz (1870–1937), one of the grammatical features that characterise Kashubian in the context of language contact with German is the use of articles, namely the demonstrative pronouns *tän/nän* [that] as definite articles and the numeral *jedän* [one] as an indefinite article (LORENTZ 1958a: 41; see also 1958b: 305, 558; 1969: 546). The examples of the use of the indefinite article in (1) to (4) are taken from Lorentz (1958b: 305), who presents a separate dictionary entry for the article, differentiating it from the numeral one.¹

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¹ This article was originally written for a Festschrift dedicated to Prof. Ruselina Nitsova, which was planned several years ago but has never materialised. It is also an expanded and revised version of a section in a book chapter of mine titled “Placing Kashubian on the

- (1) *Traf'it na drože īednēwō xłopa.*
 meet.PST.SG.M on road.LOC.SG.F one.ACC.SG.M guy.ACC.SG.M
 [He met a guy on the road.] (masculine singular)
- (2) *Běla róz īedna b'alka.*
 be.PST.SG.F time one.NOM.SG.F woman.NOM.SG.F
 [Once upon a time there was a woman.] (feminine singular)
- (3) *īedno zęckō šlo na īagōdə.*
 one.NOM.SG.N child.NOM.SG.N go.PST.SG.N onto berry.ACC.PL
 [A child went to pick berries.] (neuter singular)
- (4) *Na pūstkax méškajə īednī lěze.*
 on farm.LOC.PL live.PRS.3PL one.NOM.PL people.NOM.PL
 [Some people live there on a farm.] (masculine plural)

Proto-Slavic possessed neither definite nor indefinite articles (KRÁMSKÝ 1972: 187–191). In general, articles and similar constructions are found only in Slavic languages that have had close contact with languages possessing articles, such as Romance and Germanic languages (cf. WACKERNAGEL 2009: 558), as in the colloquial variety of Upper Sorbian (SCHOLZE 2008; BREU 2012), Czech (KRÁMSKÝ 1972), Burgenland Croatian (NEWEKLOWSKY 1978), Molise Slavic (BREU 2012), Resian Slovene (BENACCHIO 2015), Macedonian (WEISS 2004; FRIEDMAN 2015), and Bulgarian (NITSOLOVA 2008 and many others).² Indeed, Serbian/Croatian has similar constructions with the lexeme *jedan* [one], but the scope of the usage is much narrower than in the abovementioned languages (cf. IVIĆ 1971, 1990), whose development could be regarded as a language-internal one.

It then stands to reason that the abovementioned phenomena in Kashubian likely emerged in the context of long and intense language contact with German.³ However, as pointed out by Nau (1995: 114), it remains unknown whether the article-like items in Kashubian are really to be treated precisely as articles, since Lorentz did not make a clear distinction between their being numerals or articles, and the examples in (1) to (4) may ultimately also appear

Language Map of Europe” published in *Slavic on the Language Map of Europe: Areal and Historical Dimension* (De Gruyter, 2019). With regard to the writing system for Kashubian (except for the Slovincian dialect and examples (1)–(4)), I will henceforth in this article use the standardised one, typical of the contemporary literary standard.

² In some Russian dialects, especially in the northern dialect, a sort of post-posed-article-like construction occurs, but its grammatical and semantic status remain disputable.

³ Needless to say, German does not have an indefinite article in the plural. Thus, the phenomenon cannot simply be assumed to be a copy of the German indefinite article usage, but it may be an extension of indefinite marker usage caused by the influence of German, although (4) does not necessarily reflect a “Germanic” feature, as it occurs in Slavic languages as well.

in other Slavic languages that lack a grammaticalised indefinite article. Thus, I will henceforth in this article use the term *indefinite marker*, following Friedman (2015: 130), allowing for the possibility that the status of an indefinite marker is not that of an indefinite article.

Furthermore, sociolinguistic changes in Kashubia deserve attention. Lorentz conducted his fieldwork and analysed his material almost a century ago, when German was the official language and all Kashubs were bilingual (in Kashubian and German) or even trilingual (in Kashubian, German, and Polish) and were undergoing a strong Germanisation process (cf. TREDER 2005: 16–22), which continued until the end of WW II. This multilingual situation is reminiscent of the German-Sorbian language contact situation, in which German as the dominant and donor language influenced Sorbian as the non-dominant and recipient language. But after WW II, this Germanisation process ceased completely, being replaced by a strong Polonisation process; the influence of Polish has inevitably affected almost all levels of the language, from the phonology to the lexicon, with all Kashubs being bilingual in Polish and Kashubian, and often more fluent in the former than the latter (cf. HENTSCHEL 2003: 67).

Thus, it appears worthwhile to analyse the usage of the Kashubian indefinite marker ‘one’ in comparison with that in German, Sorbian, and Polish, with attention to diachronic change since the time of Lorentz. According to Belaj and Matovac (2015: 7), it is not surprising that Sorbian language that has been in contact with German has developed or replicated the German indefinite article, but one may wonder if this idea is also valid for Kashubian.

Considering these issues, in the first section below, I offer a theoretical framework for the analysis of the indefinite marker ‘one.’ The second section analyses the indefinite marker ‘one’ in contemporary German (Ger), Colloquial Upper Sorbian (CUS), Kashubian (Kas), and Polish (Pol), based on the research of Breu (2012) on CUS as a starting point for comparison. The third section deals with diachronic changes in the usage of the indefinite marker ‘one.’⁴

⁴ In this article, for contemporary Kashubian, I use my own material collected from consultants in North, Central, and South Kashubia. In addition, Lorentz’s (1924) dialect texts are used for the analysis of diachronic change. For Polish, I have consulted with two linguists based in Warsaw. I would particularly like to express my sincere gratitude to Grzegorz Schramke and Jaromira Labudda for many discussions and examples.

2. DEFINING AN INDEFINITE ARTICLE AND ITS CLASSIFICATION

2.1. Definition

In his monograph on the article and the concept of its definiteness in language, Krámský (1972: 29) concludes as follows: “To give a precise definition of article which would be valid for all languages that possess an article in some or other form, would be, in the present state of research on this problem, a very difficult, if not impossible, task.”

From a formal viewpoint, one might think that the obligatoriness (and absence under certain specifiable conditions) could be one of the possible formal features of indefinite articles. In addition, in many cases, articles show morphological simplification and phonological reduction (cf. LYONS 1999: 89–90); therefore, formal reduction could also be a good candidate for a criterion. Indeed, CUS clearly reflects both features (BREU 2012: 280).⁵ In contrast, Kas and Pol do not show such features. However, these cannot be absolute criteria. For instance, according to Benacchio (2015: 166), in the Resian Slovene dialect, an indefinite article is used for a generic function that can be regarded as the highest degree of grammaticalisation of indefinite article usage (cf. HEINE, Kuteva 2006: 105); phonetic reduction also occurs, but it is not obligatory without a clear reason. Thus, the abovementioned two criteria could not be absolute. In this article, with some attention to the formal aspects, I will adopt the working definition of an indefinite article proposed by Heine and Kuteva (2006) for cross-linguistic research on European languages. According to Heine and Kuteva (2006: 98), indefinite articles are “nominal determiners whose functions include that of marking specific indefinite reference. Specific indefinite reference typically involves a speech act in which the referent of a noun phrase is identifiable for the speaker but is presented by the speaker in such a way that it is left unidentified for the hearer.”⁶

2.2. Evolution and Classification of the Functions of an Indefinite Marker

According to Lehmann (1995: 52), it is most probable, both theoretically and empirically, that a grammaticalised item passes through an intermediate stage on its way to becoming an indefinite article, namely that of a numerically neutral indefinite determiner (see also SCHROEDER 2006: 556). According to Heine (2012: 134. See also HEINE 1997: 71–77), cross-linguistically, the

⁵ According to Dryer (2005: 158), in a spoken variety of German, *einen* [one] in *Ich habe einen Hund gekauft* [I bought a/one dog] could be pronounced without stress if it is an indefinite article, which is not the case with a numeral.

⁶ Schroeder (2006: 555) defines this as follows: a morphological device (free morpheme, enclitic morpheme or affix) with the primary function of denoting the indefiniteness of noun phrases.

following evolution model is probable, where stage 1 is the oldest and stage 5 is the most recent:

Stage 1: The numeral – An item serves as a nominal modifier denoting the numerical value ‘one’.

Stage 2: The presentative marker – The item introduces a new participant presumed to be unknown to the hearer, and this participant is then taken up as definite in subsequent discourse.

Stage 3: The specific marker – The item presents a participant known to the hearer, irrespective of whether or not the participant is expected to come up as a major discourse participant.

Stage 4: The non-specific indefinite marker – The item presents a participant whose referential identity neither the hearer nor the speaker knows.

Stage 5: The generalised definite article – The item can be expected to occur in all contexts and on all types of marking, proper nouns, predicative clauses, and so on.

According to Heine (2012: 135; 1997: 71), this model can be interpreted in two ways, namely either in terms of the diachronic evolution of an indefinite marker or with a synchronic implication. If a language has an indefinite marker of a given stage, this may imply that it also has one of more indefinite markers of the previous stages. In this context, however, the possibility of a different path of grammaticalisation must be borne in mind, particularly in a recipient language with contact-induced grammaticalisation, as is the case with Macedonian (WEISS 2004). In the following section, I will analyse Ger, CUS, Kas, and Pol, starting from Stage 2, given that it is obvious that the target languages do possess the numeral ‘one’ which has a quantificational function. In addition, I will not deal with Stage 5, because German does not reach this stage, which implies that it is most probable that CUS and Kas do not have it either.

3. A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CONTEMPORARY GER, CUS, KAS, AND POL

3.1. Stage 2: The Presentative Marker

Consider a typical fairy tale introduction, as in (5). A new participant, who is most probably known to the speaker but not the hearer, is introduced here. As the story continues, this referent becomes known to both speaker and hearer as a definite entity.

(5)

Ger:	<i>Es war einmal eine alte Frau.</i>	*ø
CUS:	<i>To beše jemo jena stara žona.</i>	*ø
Kas:	<i>Běla so rôz jedna stara bialka.</i>	or ø
Pol:	<i>Pewnego razu była sobie ø stara kobieta.</i>	or jedna
[There once was an old woman.]		

According to Breu (2012: 281), in Ger and CUS, the use of an indefinite marker is obligatory. As has been observed by Sychta (1968: 92), Kashubian fairy tales also usually begin with a sentence that includes *jeden*, but sentences without *jeden* also occur, such as *Běla so rôz ø bialka*. In Pol, one could ultimately add *jeden* or *pewien* [certain] to the sentence like *Pewnego razu była sobie jedna/pewna stara kobieta*, but it does not seem required to the same degree as in Kas.

3.2. Stage 3: The Specific Marker

As (5) may be argued to be a somewhat phraseological construction, it is worthwhile exploring a further case in which ‘one’ is used for indicating a participant in the discourse who is known to the speaker but presumed to be unknown to the hearer, as in (6):

(6)

Ger:	<i>Ich suche einen Freund.</i>	*ø
CUS:	<i>Ja pótam jeno přecela.</i>	*ø
Kas:	<i>Jô szukóm jednégo drëcha.</i>	or ø
Pol:	<i>Szukam jednego kolegi.</i>	or ø
[I am looking for a friend.]		

Again, in this context, in both Ger and CUS, the use of ‘one’ is obligatory, in contrast to the case of Kas and Pol, in which the indefinite marker ‘one’ is optional.

3.3. Stage 4: The Non-specific Marker

A further extension of a referential function may manifest itself in introducing in discourse a participant whose referential identity is unknown to both speaker and hearer, as in (7), or whose identity is unimportant to either, as in (8):

(7)

Ger:	<i>Ich möchte einen Freund haben.</i>	*ø
CUS:	<i>Ja cem jeno přecela méc.</i>	*ø
Kas:	<i>Jô bě chcôl miec ø drëcha.</i>	*jednégò

Pol:	<i>Chciałbym mieć ø przyjaciela.</i>	*jednego
	[I would like to have a (= any) friend.]	

(8)

Ger:	<i>Ruf einen Arzt!</i>	*ø
CUS:	<i>Zawolaj jeno lěkara!</i>	*ø
Kas:	<i>Zawòłój ø dochтора!</i>	*jednégò
Pol:	<i>Wezwij ø lekarza!</i>	*jednego

[Call a doctor!]

In (7), there appears to be a clear distinction between the two groups of languages, Ger and CUS on the one hand, and Kas and Pol on the other. It comes as no surprise that the distribution of ‘one’ in these languages is the same in (8) as in (7). In the latter languages, the use of ‘one’ as an indefinite marker is not allowed, although ‘one’ can be inserted if it functions as the numeral ‘one.’

The following cases with the generic meaning may be regarded as the semantically most “bleached” function, which is used in comparative constructions, definitions, predication, noun incorporation, etc. (see BREU 2012: 287). Here, let us consider two representative examples, namely comparative constructions, as in (9), and the definition of classes, as in (10).

(9)

Ger:	<i>Du bist naiv wie ein Kind.</i>	*ø
CUS:	<i>Ty sy naif kaž jene džéco.</i>	*ø
Kas:	<i>Tě jes letkowiérny jak ø dzeckò.</i>	*jedno
Pol:	<i>Jesteś naiwny jak ø dziecko.</i>	*jedno

[You are as naive as a child.]

(10)

Ger:	<i>Ein Tiger ist ein Tier.</i>	*ø
CUS:	<i>Jen tigor jo jene zwérjo.</i>	or ø
Kas:	<i>ø Tigris je zwiérzâcém.</i>	*jeden
Pol:	<i>ø Tygrys to zwierz.</i>	*jeden

[The tiger is an animal.]

In both cases, Ger and CUS share the presence of ‘one’ as an almost obligatory element of the sentence. In contrast, both Kas and Pol do not permit the use of ‘one’ as a generic marker.

To sum up, at least contemporary Kas shows much the same distribution of functions for ‘one’ as does Pol, with both remaining in Stage 3 (the specific marker), while Ger reaches Stage 4 (the non-specific marker), and CUS

closely follows Ger, including its obligatoriness and formal reduction in these contemporary languages. Thus, if we treat an indefinite article as an indefinite marker having all five stages of usage, then Ger and CUS may be said to have an indefinite article, but Kas and Pol may not. On the synchronic level, it may even be difficult to discern any particular German influence on the usage of the indefinite marker in contemporary Kas.

4. DIACHRONIC ASPECTS OF THE USAGE OF ‘ONE’ IN KAS

Diachronically, to the best of my knowledge, there is no clear evidence that an indefinite marker in Kas ever advanced further than Stage 3, not even in the 17th and 18th century religious texts that were translated from German into a mixture of Kas and Pol during the time of strong Germanisation. Examples (11) and (12) are taken from *Der kleine Katechismus* [The Small Catechisms] translated by Pontanus (1643).

(11) Stage 3

- Ger: *Da kam Jesus mit ihnen zu einem Hofe der hieß Gethsemane.*
 Kas: *Tedy przyszed Jesus z nimi do jednego dworu który zwan Gethsemáne.*
 [Then came Jesus with them to a garden, known as Gethsemane.]

(12) Stage 4

- Ger: *Catechismus ist ein kurtzer Begriff der gantzen H. Schrifft.*
 Kas: *Catechismus jestá ø krotka Summá cálego swietego Pismá.*
 [The catechism is a short summary of the entire Holy Bible.]

In the texts of the Slovincian dialect of Kas recorded in the 19th century, in which German influence may be presumed to have appeared far more freely than in the religious texts, there are no such examples, as is clear in (14), taken from Tetzner (1899: 234). In this context, it is worth noticing that Polabian (Plb), one of the heavily-Germanised West Slavic languages due to its linguistic contact with German, which became extinct in the mid-18th century, did not seem to replicate the German indefinite article either as in (15) or (16), taken from Polański and Sehnert (1967).⁷

⁷ It is important that Jan Parum Szulce (1678–1734) noted some examples in which ‘one’ seems to function as the indefinite article: *Tåd jq jadån staul, aid sqaða.* [There is a chair, go sit down.]. However, such examples might sound artificial even then, because Szulce always tried to translate examples from German to Polabian as literally as possible. See Lehr-Spławiński (1950: 224).

(14) Stage 4

- Ger: *Du bist dumm wie ein Kalb.*
 Kas: *Ta jes glupi ak ø ciela.*
 [You are as stupid as a donkey.]

(15) Stage 4

- Ger: *Er ist ein Deutscher.*
 Plb: *Tø jø ø šost'ě.*
 [He is German.]

(16) Stage 4

- Ger: *Es stösst sich als ein Kobolt.*
 Plb: *Tåuci-sã kák ø kobolt.*
 [It comes across as a goblin.]

All this indicates that the case of the development of the indefinite article in CUS is rather unique among the Slavic languages that have experienced strong Germanization.

In Lorentz's texts, published in 1924, one can indeed find examples which would indicate that Kas ‘one’ reached Stage 4. The following example (17) was recorded in Pażęce, a village in Central Kashubia.

(17) Stage 4

“Co wě chcelë miec za tā kòzq?” Tén gbùr mówil: „To je **jedna** krowa a nie **jedna** kòza”. Jak òn dali szedl z nią, przeszedł tén dru-dži sztudent i mówil: „Jô kùpiā òd vas tā kòzq i dóm wom sztérę talarę”. Tén gbùr mówil: Jô mëszlā, že to je **jedna** krowa a nie **jedna** kòza...”

“What do you want to get for the goat?” The landlord said: “This is a cow, not a goat.” As he [the landlord] went on with it, another young guy approached [him] and said: “I want to buy the goat and I will give you four dollars.” The landlord said: “I think that this is a cow, not a goat...”

According to my consultants from Pażęce, today nobody speaks as in (17), and they themselves have not heard anything like that. Rather, a present-day Kashubian speaker avoids using ‘one’ in this context, and a grammatical sentence should be: *To je Ø krowa, a nie Ø kòza*. Examples like the one in (17) are very rare and out of the ordinary in Lorentz's text. One could even regard (17) as accidental or, perhaps, a hypercorrection due to the fact that Lorentz most probably conducted his research by speaking German with his Kashubian informants.

Thus, one could assume that Kas did not have a fully grammaticalised indefinite article comparable to those of Ger or CUS. However, historically, there appear to have been certain changes in the usage of ‘one.’ Compare the fairy tale fragment in (18), collected in the central Kas village of Tłuczewo by Lorentz, and the same text in (19) “corrected” by a middle-aged contemporary Kas speaker of the same village in 2014.

(18) Lorentz’s original text

*Róż szedł Ta gapa rzekła: „Nie izzareźl mie, jô jem córka królewskô a jem przeklâtô, ale tê mie možesz zbawic.” Ten lesny pitôł sã: „Co jô mórm robic, żebë ce zbawic?” Ta gapa odpowiedza: „Biôj tą **je-den** lesny w las ẽ widzôł **jednâ** gapâ a chcôl ją strzelac. drogq dali, tej tê prziñdzesz do **jedny** chalépê. Tam sedzy **jedna** stôrô baba. Óna cë dô jesc i pic, ale nie wez nick, bò czej tê bâdzesz jôdl a pił, tej tê mie nie bâdzesz mógl zbawic. Biôj przez tâ chalépâ, tej prziñdzesz w **jeden** ògród...*

(19) Lorentz’s text edited in contemporary Kas

*Róż szedł **jeden** lesny w las ẽ widzôł **o** gapâ i chcôl do ni strzelac. Ta gapa rzekła: „Nie izzareźl mie, jô jem córka królewskô, a jem przeklâtô, ale tê mie možesz zbawic.” Ten lesny pitôł sã: „Co jô mórm robic, żebë ce zbawic?” Gapa odpowiedza: „Biôj tą drogq dali, tej tê prziñdzesz do **o** chalépê. Tam sedzy **o** stôrô baba. Óna cë dô jesc i pic, ale nie wez nick, bò czej tê bâdzesz jôdl ẽ pił, tej tê mie nie bâdzesz mógl zbawic. Biôj przez tâ chalépâ, tej prziñdzesz w **o** ògród...*

‘Once upon a time, a forester went into the forest. There he saw a crow and wanted to shoot it. The crow said: “Don’t shoot me! I am a princess and I am cursed, but you can save me.” The forester asked: “What should I do to save you?” The crow answered: “Go farther this way, and you will arrive at an old hut. There is an old woman sitting there. She will offer you something to eat and drink, but don’t take anything, because if you eat and drink, you will not be able to save me. Go through the old hut, then you will get to a garden...’

In (18) and (19), the bold and underlined items reflect an indefinite marker of Stage 2 (the presentative marker). In contrast, the remaining instances of ‘one’ in (18), bold but not underlined, which function as indefinite markers of Stage 3 (the specific marker), are omitted in (19), although they could ultimately appear, but not necessarily, according to my consultants. It is also noticeable that the indefinite marker in Kas did not appear to reach Stage

4 (the unspecific article), as is clear when the Kas *jô jem* ø *córka królewskô* and the Ger *Ich bin eine Königstochter* [I am a princess] are compared.

This comparison has a number of implications. First, the degree of grammaticalisation of the indefinite marker ‘one’ in Kas may not have changed much, but the frequency of use of ‘one’ used to be quite high in the 19th century and later clearly decreased. As pointed out by Bybee (2007: 338), frequency is one of the driving forces in grammaticalisation. Thus, over the course of time, this driving force has been lost. Second, this change may serve as evidence that the grammaticalisation process in present-day Kas has been going on in the opposite direction, from Stage 3 (closer to Ger) towards Stage 2 (closer to Pol).

Although the limited scope of this article allowed for just one clear example, and there remain many unclear cases of the usage of the indefinite marker ‘one’ in Kas, the phenomena may possibly be explained in terms of the significant sociolinguistic changes in Kashubia after WW II, namely the cessation of the German influence and the rise of Polish as a dominant language.

5. CONCLUSION

My findings in this article may be summarised as follows:

1. Although Kashubian has been reported to possess an indefinite article that developed from the numeral ‘one’ under the German influence, this is not as fully grammaticalised as in German and Colloquial Upper Sorbian, both of which have structurally and functionally established it as an indefinite article, showing the typical grammaticalisation phenomena of obligatoriness and formal reduction. Rather, the situation in present-day Kashubian is closer to that in Polish.

2. Since the time of old attested texts in Kashubian, this language has reached only Stage 3 at the most, and no further grammaticalisation has occurred, even during the time of complete Kashubian-German bilingualism. However, the frequency of the usage of ‘one’ in Kashubian was far higher than in the 19th century, judging from the text recorded by Lorentz. This could be explained as a result of the German influence.

3. An analysis of text from a fixed-point observation in Tłuczewo revealed a tendency for ‘one’ to have been used less and less as time went by, leading to a reversal of grammaticalisation of the indefinite marker. This could be explained in terms of the loss of the German influence and the emergence of a strong Polish influence.

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Резиме

У овом чланку се анализира употреба неодређеног маркера *jeden* ‘један’ у савременом кашупском језику, који је у ранијим радовима био често третиран као неодређени члан. У првом делу овог члanka аутор даје синхронијски

опис неодређеног маркера у кашупском језику, поредећи га са еквивалентима у пољском, горњолужичком и немачком језику у духу теорије граматикализације Бернда Хајнеа. У другом делу овог рада се разматрају промене у употреби неодређеног маркера у том језику. Главни закључак истраживања јесте да неодређени маркер у кашупском језику никада није постао прави неодређени члан, иако је фреквенција његове употребе била доста висока до средине 20. века, што се објашњава утицајем немачког језика на кашупски.

Кључне речи: кашупски језик, неодређени члан, језички контакт, немачки језик, горњолужичкосрпски језик, пољски језик.

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Резюме

В данной статье рассматривается употребление в современном кашубском языке неопределенного маркера *jeden* (один), который до сих пор часто считался неопределенным артиклем (членом). В первой части статьи дается синхроническое описание неопределенного маркера в названном языке в сопоставлении с польским, горнолужицким и немецким языками в свете так называемой теории грамматикализации Б. Хайне. Во второй части анализируется изменение в его употреблении с диахронической точки зрения. Основной вывод данной статьи состоит в том, что, в отличие от горнолужицкого и немецкого языков, лексема *jeden* в кашубском языке никогда не была и не является неопределенным артиклем как таковым, хотя частота ее употребления росла до середины 20-го века по причине влияния немецкого языка на кашубский.

Ключевые слова: кашубский язык, неопределенный артикль, лингвистический контакт, немецкий язык, верхнесорбский язык, польский язык.