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These are, obviously, sociolinguistic parameters of communication, which are analyzed in detail and explained by M. Radovanović (1986: 67–69).
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d) paper in a book of proceedings:


e) dictionary:

ESJS: Etymologický slovník jazyka staroslověnského (red. Eva Havlová), 1—. Praha: Academia, 1989—.

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h) online publication: