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Semantic evolution of Latin doublet borrowings in Old Irish:
sen vs *sign* (Series of Papers “Standard Languages and Literary Traditions: Contacts and Influences” directed by Professor Irina I. Chelysheva and Professor Viktor Ya. Porkhomovsky, Institute of Linguistics RAS, Moscow)

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Abstract

The main subject of this research is the mechanism of semantic shifts in Latin borrowings in Early and Middle Irish. The appearance of Latin borrowings in Old Irish is traditionally associated with Christianization and the spread of monastic culture, but this is not entirely true. There is a relatively limited stratum of Latin lexemes that have been adopted by the Irish language through earlier contacts with Romanized Britain. They, as a rule, are distinguished by a special phonetics, demonstrating a more archaic cut of the receptor language. The work touches upon the problem of semantic changes in Latin borrowings within the framework of Irish culture and attempts to motivate them. The author proposes a scheme of "semantic shift" based on the original, latent, polysemy in the donor language. Earlier, the borrowing *sen* (<*signum*) developed in the Old Irish language an additional meaning - "sign, sign", and at the next stage of semantic derivation - "conspiracy, spell". Later, the doublet - *sign* is used, as a rule, in combination *sign croiche* ‘the sign of the cross’, and can be replaced in the same meaning by the original lexeme *aired*, which has a semantic field that almost coincides with latin *signum*.

Keywords: Goidelic and Brittonic contacts; Late Empire, loanwords; semantic derivation; doublet borrowings; metaphor; universal semantic shifts; magic; charms

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- Jackson, 1953: 122-148).

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(McManus, 1983; Koch 1981: 31), « » ,

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augurium, omen, ostentum, ales, auspoculum,
monitus, scaeva,

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2003: 156-162; , 1988: 473-483;

sen (n.)

Hutton, 1991: 201-246).

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, 1984: 30).

Et ecce uir sanctus surrexit Patricius et eleuavit manum sinistram Deo caeli et maledixit magum, et cecidit mortuus in medio magorum eius, et exustus est ante faciem omnium in uindictae signum. (Bieler, 1979: 156) -

(Motivation of borrowing and Methods of investigation)

» (Haspelmath, 2009: 46).

(Szemerényi, 1989: 125-128, Ernout, Meillet, 1939: 1076, de Vaan, 2008: 656),

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(signum, airde, arwydd, *weid- LEIA-A: 41)

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^ na leic dochum in Catha co t^ nert don
 tseon ^ don tsolud coro eirgea gr^an i cleithib
 nimi_ (O'Rahilly, 1970: 128-129) - ^

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Doecmalta dano ^arum ceithre coiced
 Herend co mbatar h^ Cruachaib Aii. Ocus b^s
 teilcset a fathi ^ a ndru^d ass sein co cend
 coicthigis oc irnaidi seoin (O'Rahilly, 1976: 1)

sen ^ *solad*

: until
 the charm and spell begin to work (. .
 - eDIL).

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Luid iarom i tir Corcomruadh do
 fiarfaighi seoin ^ solaigi do druid bai ann, do
 tindscedal denma noi (Stokes, 1888: 458) -

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^ ba dibirt dosum .i. in sen tangadar
 aingil o righ in rigtigh ^ o coimsidhteoir na
 cruinne ^ in sen do sgaramarne flaitheas Fodla
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 (Duncan, 1932: 190) -

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Hamel, 1930: 358-359).

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(Dahl Hambro, 2019: 46).

», *sen*:

Luid iarsin co hairm imbai Senan ^ ro
chan brechta [i]na agaidh ^ doraidh : Facuib
an tir lasin sen-sa.

Doraidh Senan [frisseom] :

Doro at cenn do shena.

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is fortsa bus mela.

ba at trucendeilmndina.

istusa. not-bela.

Is treisi an sen tucus-salim, ar Senan, ^
is ferr mo dhan. (Stokes, 1890: 68).

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· swyn ‘ , , , signum).

- Traugott, Dasher, 2002: 57-59).

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- *sigin*

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- *sen*,

. *signum* (, , ,

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na croichi ‘ , *sign* , , - :
na croichi tarsin crecht ^ ba slan focetair -
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2006: 42-53 et passim).
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XV . « »
» - Stokes 1890):
co tard-som **sign** na croiche tarsin
carraic -
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tabair **sighin** na croiche don bhachaill for
a ucht -
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dos-beir sein **crois** dia bhachaild dara
bruinne co n-erracht fochedair -
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