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History of economy in idioms

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Abstract

Idioms are examples of figurative expressions that depict the socio-cultural context. Their meaning, usually very distant from the meaning of the separate constituents, is an illustration of human thoughts but not only. The idioms discussed in this article prove that they can also be a rich source of knowledge of economic and social phenomena. After a theoretical introduction highlighting the complex character of idioms, the origins of selected idioms are analysed.

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