

Semantic and logical incompatibilities as a war of words  
(war of meanings), in oral and written communication

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**Abstract.** The paper proposes a study of improper uses in Romanian triggering incompatibilities on both semantic and logical levels. War of words at the surface level, the improper uses analysed here lead to a war of meanings, more specifically to a conflict between sememes, hence the incompatibilities. The study is a reflection on improper uses resulting from inappropriate expression, calque and a misuse of metonymy, identified in a monolingual oral and written corpus and discussed from a contrastive perspective, in order to highlight especially the differences at the semantic and syntactic levels between Romanian and French or between Romanian and English.

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