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*THE SYNTACTIC RULE OF THE LONG (FULL) AND THE SHORT FORMS
OF THE DEFINITE ARTICLE IN BULGARIAN: AN ORTHOGARAPHIC RULE,
A GRAMMATICAL RULE, OR JUST AN IMAGINED RULE?*

This paper discusses the syntactic rule for the use of a long (full) definite article in some positions and short one in others. Thus the history and nature of language norm, codification and the role of codifiers are addressed.

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