

Special Issue

Heritage Languages in Italy: New Issues and Perspectives

Message from the Guest Editors

With Italy's transformation into a country of immigration, linguistic research has increasingly turned to applied linguistics to explore the multifaceted impacts of migration on language learning, usage, and societal integration. This focus spans fields such as bilingualism, second language acquisition, sociolinguistics, and heritage language (HL) studies, emphasizing language contact, code-switching, and multilingualism. Heritage language research provides valuable insights into bilingual and multilingual speakers, examining the interplay of age, linguistic input, and sociolinguistic factors in language maintenance, attrition, and innovation. This Special Issue aims at emphasizing the following themes:

- HL Variation and Innovation: Investigations into changes and innovations in HL grammars.
- Language Contact Phenomena: Exploration of interactions among linguistic varieties, including code-switching, hybridization, and pidginization.
- Linguistic Repertoires and Sociolinguistic Dynamics: Analyses of language maintenance, multilingualism, and ethnolinguistic vitality in diverse communities, considering migration patterns and societal integration.

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