

I paradossi della «minorizzazione». Žarko Muljačić e il relativismo linguistico

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SUMMARY

This work examines the modalities of the reception in Italy of the concept “minorisation”, which stems from Catalan socio-linguistic research. The term “minorised language” is arbitrarily considered to be a synonym of “minority language”, however, its original meaning is different, as it implies the passage from a position of linguistic prestige to one of inferiority. This is not the case of the majority of minority languages, which undergo a long period of being “minor”. Yet in light of Muljačić’s relativistic considerations, the category of “minorised language” could be used to classify some Italian dialects for which there is proof of a loss of prestige in the face of the progressive assertion of the official language.