

*Funciones pragmáticas, significado nuclear y efectos de sentido del marcador discursivo italiano cioè*

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#### SUMMARY

The aim of this paper is to study the Italian discourse marker *cioè* at different levels of the linguistic analysis, and to clearly present its functions as a discourse particle in the framework of teaching Italian/SL to Spanish speakers. We distinguish between metatextual, interactive and cognitive values, which are illustrated with examples from different textual genres and their translations into Spanish.