

*La lingua come marcatore identitario tra vecchi e nuovi migranti: pratiche comunitarie e trasmissione familiare*

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Abstract

This paper compares three groups of Italian migrants in Cambridge (UK) who differ on the basis of their migration wave. In doing so, it investigates elements of continuity and differences between the ‘old’ and the ‘new’ flows of migrants focusing on the following linguistic and cultural variables: the self-identity perception, the perceived use of Standard Italian, Italian Dialect and English, and the transmission of the Romance varieties to the next generation. In this paper, the perceived linguistic behavior is considered as an identity marker as far as it has been used by migrants to build their own identity.