

# LA INMIGRACIÓN ITALIANA EN LA ARGENTINA Y SUS CONSECUENCIAS LINGÜÍSTICAS

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## ABSTRACT

Italian immigration has reached an extraordinary quantitative relevance in Argentina, mainly in the transition from the 19th century to the 20th century. Therefore, the various consequences (demographic, economic, cultural, etc.) derived from this immigration have become the object of attention of a specific academic production that is already very vast, and that is constantly expanding. In this frame-work, we will deal in this article with the linguistic consequences of the mentioned migratory afflux, presenting results of researches carried on the process of language maintenance and shift, as well as on the linguistic emergents of that process and on the imprints of the contact that can be appreciated today. We will focus, particularly, on the territorial section of the Southwest of Buenos Aires Province, in which the reception of Italian immigration reached a special comparative importance and in which, in a systematic way over the last forty years, empirical studies on the linguistic consequences of this migration have been developed.