

STRATEGIE DISCORATIVE IN CONTESTI PLURILINGUI DA UN'ANGOLATURA SOCIOLINGUISTICA

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ABSTRACT

The focus of this paper is on two Francoprovençal communities in the Italian region of Apulia - Faeto and Celle di St. Vito. Despite the short distance between the two towns, and their common isolation from other Francoprovençal communities, their sociolinguistic conditions are deeply different, in reference to the functional distribution of the languages of the repertoire and speakers' language uses, and in reference to the degree of permeability of Francoprovençal varieties towards Italian and its dialects.

The repertoire composition and the relationship between the codes have a key role both for minority language maintenance and for language contact processes, creating the starting point for their development. In this perspective, my aim is to analyse language contact phenomena in speakers' discourse and their correlation with micro and macro sociolinguistic variables.