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Spoken Italian: a sociolinguistic & linguistic profile

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Because of its peculiar origins as a literary language used by a highly cultivated elite, Standard Italian has gained a vast population of native speakers and a large variety of written and spoken domains only very recently, in the course of the 20th century together with the rapid demise of local dialects. This means that the new standard language is now changing more rapidly than it has done in the past, since its origins in the 11th-12th centuries. In the presentation several aspects that are typical of spoken Italian will be discussed and explained in terms of regionalization, popularization and oralization trends.