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## The Kiparla corpus of spoken Italian: a focus on plurilingualism in mobile communities

**Abstract:**

The Kiparla corpus is among the most recent resources that describe spoken Italian, with an attention both for register variation and for social variation. Among its major features is the presence of a rich set of metadata concerning salient features of the participants and of the interactions included. While its first release (Ballarè et al. 2021) has been biased towards non-mobile speakers whose repertoire is limited to varieties of L1 Italian, and in some cases Italo-Romance vernaculars, a new module of the corpus has been designed in order to include in the corpus speech data from migrants who arrived in Italy as adults, as well as Italian-born speakers who were raised in multilingual families with a migratory background.

In this presentation, I will describe the corpus design and fieldwork methodology adopted for the expansion of the KIParla corpus in the framework of the project *DiversIta – Diversity in spoken Italian,* dedicated to the documentation of spoken Italian in multilingual setting. I will also present new corpus data involving speakers of Spanish and Arabic collected in the framework of this project, which illustrate open challenges in the description of plurilingual practices.

**References**

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