

Abstract

The object of the present work is the study of the perception and evaluation of geographic varieties of contemporary Spanish language by native speakers who are students of Spanish philology in Spain. The thesis is divided into three main parts, a theoretical part which deals with the linguistic situation of Spain from a historical but also contemporary perspective and takes a closer look at the basic sociolinguistic concepts, a second part which describes the geographic varieties of contemporary Spanish from a phonological and grammatical point of view, and the last part which deals directly with sociolinguistics and the concepts related to it. Between the theoretical and the practical part, there is also a section in which we take a closer look at the existing studies, the results of which we draw on, and the methodology of research in sociolinguistics. The practical part presents the sample studied, the analysis of the results of the questionnaire investigation and their conclusions.

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