

Una nuova questione della lingua

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A New Issue of Language

Abstract: The question of replacing the Italian language with the English language in University teaching represents a new linguistic issue/controversy, of which the Academy and linguistic Associations are very concerned. The penetration of many English words into the Italian language and the affirmation of English as an international language are undeniable, but Italian enjoys considerable international prestige as a language of culture and its identity must therefore be defended. If the use of English in Science and in other fields is largely inescapable, nonetheless this should not imply erasing the Italian identity by sacrificing and hibernating the Italian language, which would become a dead language. Especially since monolingualism turns out to be negative on the cognitive level.

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