

# In difesa delle lauree magistrali in lingua inglese

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## *In Defence of Italian Master Courses Taught in English*

*Abstract:* This article responds to some of the criticisms recently levelled at those Italian Universities that have chosen to use the English language for graduate-level teaching. Based on the author's experience as Coordinator of a University Master course taught exclusively in English, the first part of the article counters the claim that the decision to use English in Italian Universities leads to a kind of linguistic and cultural impoverishment, and goes on to list some of the unforeseen advantages of teaching in English. The second part of the article raises the issue of a possible future conflict between two values commonly appealed to by critics of the move toward a greater use of the English language: the preservation of the Italian language and culture, on the one hand, and the protection of freedom of choice for teachers and students, on the other.

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