

La ciudad como constructo geosocial. Percepción, representación y actitud frente a las variedades lingüísticas de la Región Metropolitana de Buenos Aires.

The present dissertation project is based on an interdisciplinary perspective in the study of language in a social and urban context. By using the example of the Spanish of Buenos Aires, a city that can be regarded as paradigmatic for current processes in the metropolitan areas of Latin America, I will analyze the influence of urban geographic and socio-cultural developments on characteristics and differences in language use as manifestation of identity within the social structure of a Latin American metropolis. Thereby, a special focus will be set on the subjective aspect, namely the perception of language variation and the formation of linguistic attitudes and stereotypes dependent on strongly segregated urban space.

In my doctoral thesis, a sociolinguistic approach will be complemented by methods used in human and urban geography and perception studies. Thus, new findings on the correlation between urban transformation processes and linguistic variation and identity formation in Latin-American cities should be attained.

Furthermore, the linkage of methods of two different research areas contributes to a more and more interdisciplinary approach within social sciences. It is such interdisciplinary collaboration that becomes increasingly important in the context of a globalised era.