

Ten Years of Research on the Dialects of Malta and Gozo

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In this paper, we give an overview of the work carried out over the past decade on the dialects of Malta and Gozo, specifically on lexical, phonetic/phonological, and morpho-syntactic features, as well as to plan out a route for further research on Maltese dialectology. The purpose of the multi-pronged project presented here is fourfold. Firstly, to put together a bibliography of studies on the dialects in Malta and Gozo. Secondly, to collect, organise and classify the data collected by researchers such as Aquilina and Isserlin, and make them available to researchers. Thirdly, on the basis of old and new data collected and/or recorded through elicitation methods of different kinds, to map out the main dialects of Malta and Gozo. Finally, to find out to what extent, if at all, differences in pronunciation correlate with differences on other levels, namely, grammatical (morpho-syntactic) and lexical.