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The Resian micro-language in Northern Italy and its position between Slavic and Romance

Resian is a Slavic minority language of Slovene origin, spoken in northern Italy. This south-Slavic variety has been in contact with local Romance ones (especially Friulian and Italian) for more than a thousand years.

After giving an overview of the geographical and historical situation of the Slavic enclaves in Northern Italy in general, I will present the setting of Resian, as a special case, at all linguistic levels, including problems of language contact. Among other things, I will focus on the question of contact influence on the position of Resian with respect to the concept of *Standard Average European*. In addition, such fields as lexical integration processes, vowel harmony, article systems, and the reconstruction of verbal categories will play an important role. Sociolinguistic parameters of the actual linguistic situation will not be excluded either.