

ABSTRACT: The Proper Names in the Historical Argots of Piedmont and Aosta Valley: A Deonomastic Analysis

This paper aims to describe and analyse the deonomastic elements of the *corpus* of historical argots of Piedmont and Aosta Valley. Starting from a short overview of both collection and systematization of the different argot repertoires, the parameters by which the *corpus* has been organized are then presented. Later, the onomastic components identified in the *corpus* are reported, trying to highlight their frequency from a statistical point of view.

The discussion of the deonomastic items is then conducted, basing on the application of deonomastic taxonomy developed by Riccardo REGIS (2009), in order to deal with the different types of the deonyms selected for the analysis. The purpose of the examination leads finally to the identification of possible schemes that could be applied to other corpora of argots from different areas.

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