Seattle’s Ladino speakers: A speech community?

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Language shift in Seattle:

LADINO \textit{english} \downarrow \textit{ladino} \textbf{ENGLISH} \downarrow \textbf{ENGLISH}
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LADINO \( \xrightarrow{\text{english}} \) ladino \( \xrightarrow{} \) ENGLISH

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ENGLISH
The *turkinos* and the *rodeslis*
# The dialects

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One Seattle Ladino speech community?
“The speech community is long lost, and the death of the language seems inevitable.”

Quintana (2014)
“The case of Seattle is the exception that proves the rule.”

Bejarano and Aizenberg (2012)
“some kind of social group whose speech characteristics are of interest and can be described in a coherent manner”

Wardhaugh (1998)
Porke?
References


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