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The Resian verb system under German and Romance influence

Resian is a Slavic minority language of Slovene origin, spoken in northern Italy and has been in contact with local Romance varieties (especially Friulian and Italian) for centuries. A certain influence was also exerted by south German varieties, with which Resian was in contact in early times and once again for some decades in the 19th century. My talk focuses on the contact-induced changes affecting the Resian verbal system in the domain of verbal aspect, mood, tense, voice and taxis. In Resian at least three contact types can be observed: contact-induced function extension (for example the acquisition of counterfactual meaning by the imperfect), reduction of the system (for instance, the loss of the aorist), formal innovations (aspectual periphrases, will-future etc.). Interestingly, language contact could not affect the traditional Slavic "derivational" aspect opposition, which is still productive, despite its lack in the contact varieties.