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The pace of grammaticalization in non-standardized Romance languages (and in comparison to major Romance languages).

Topics covered:

What is a natural language today, in Europe?

Is the gradualness of grammaticalization observable also in a language family?

Is the pace of grammaticalization consistent for all grammatical domains in Romance?

What are the factors accelerating/slowing down the pace of grammaticization? Contact? Standardization? Speaker's number?

I'll discuss data from the literature on Italian, French, Spanish, Catalan and from my own research on Piedmontese, Lombard, Sardinian, Neapolitan-Calabrese and others.