

# La grammatica delle frasi relative in portoghese e la questione dell'acquisizione

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*Abstract*

*The Grammar of Relative Clauses in Portuguese and the Issue of Acquisition*

*Comparative studies of relative clauses in Portuguese with those in other languages do not only provide greater clarity regarding field strategies, but also contribute to learning Portuguese as a foreign language through diverse metalinguistic dynamics that must consider the issue of acquisition and the sociolinguistic levels of the phenomenon. In fact, the use of the variants in Portugal and Brazil is significant in this comparison, since the phenomenon was considered – in terms of non-standard strategy – to be a feature of the Brazilian variant that would lead to the separation of the two systems (Tarallo, 1996<sup>2</sup>:70). This article sets out to show that the issue is more complex because of its presence in other Romance languages.*

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