

“WHEN THE PRESS MEETS THE MIGRANTS: THEMATICAL CORES, SOCIAL REPRESENTATIONS AND ACCULTURATION STRATEGIES IN A COLUMN MANAGED BY AN IMMIGRANT ASSOCIATIONS’ NETWORK”

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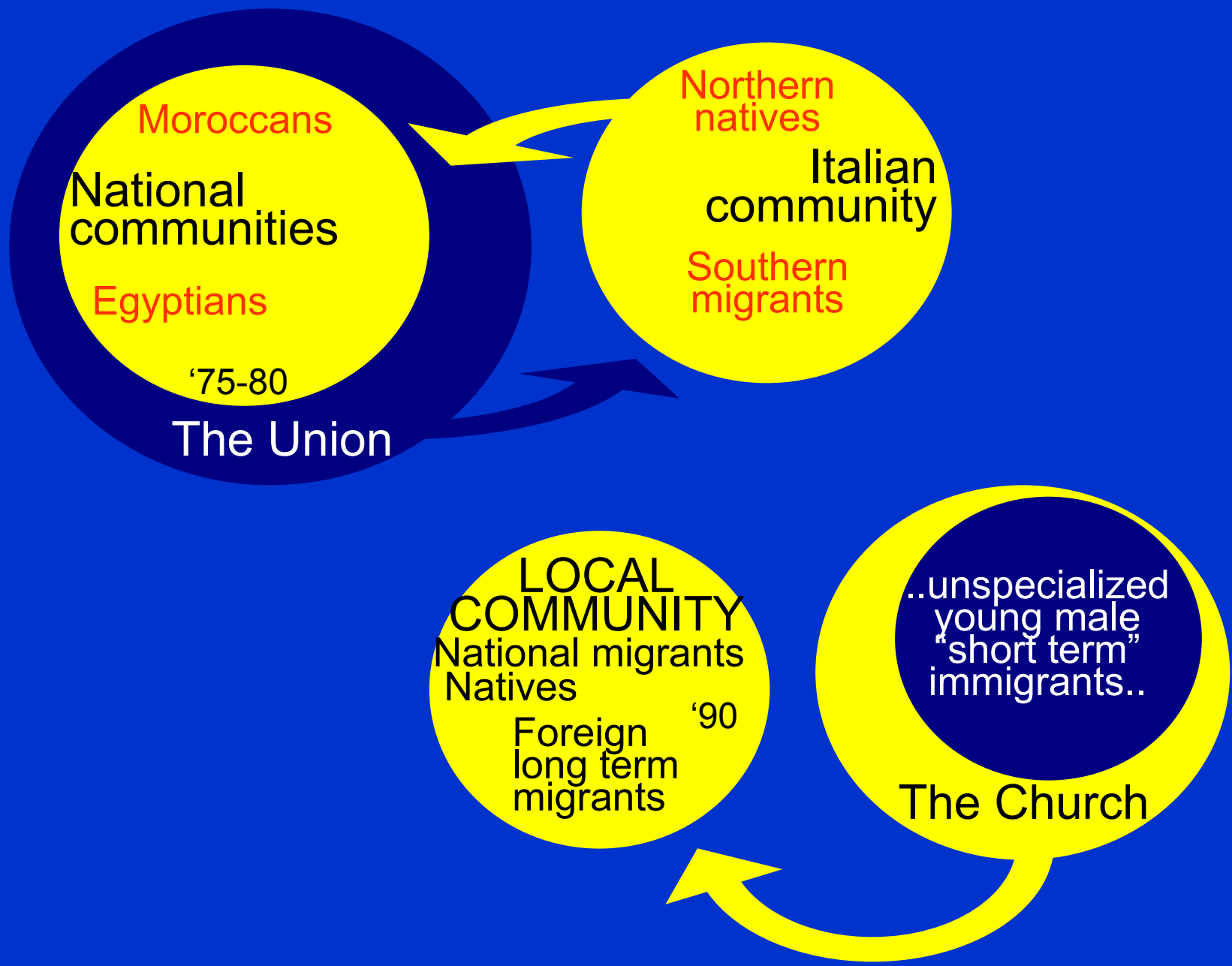
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At the moment in Italy there are around 3 million immigrants of which 10% live in the Emilia Romagna region, where they represent the 7% of the total habitants.

In the city of Reggio Emilia, the foreigners represent 10% of the population, but in some areas (e.g. the centre) this percentage becomes over 22%.

Reggio Emilia is the second Italian province when it comes to the percentage of foreign students at school (10.4% vs. the national average of 4.5%).

Caritas, Dossier Statistico 2005; Osservatorio sulle Famiglie, Comune di Reggio Emilia
MIUR, 2005, Alunni con cittadinanza non italiana



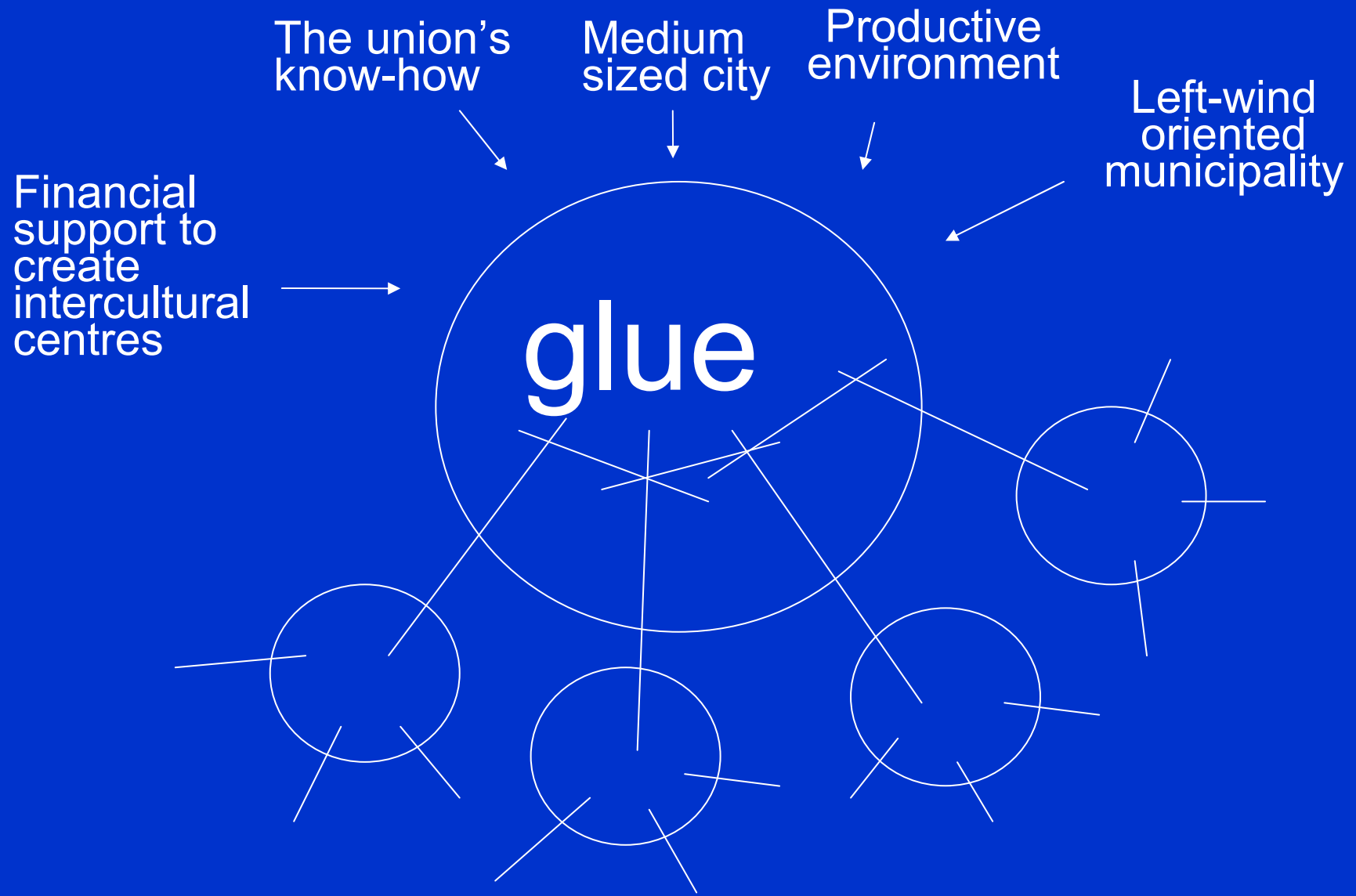
Moroccans
National communities
Egyptians
'75-80

The Union

Northern natives
Italian community
Southern migrants

LOCAL COMMUNITY
National migrants
Natives
Foreign long term migrants '90

..unspecialized young male "short term" immigrants..
The Church



The present..



Guess who comes last?



..he would be very proud to vote Italian

..and the future?

Gazzetta di Reggio
13 October 2002 – 21 May 2006

37 numbers

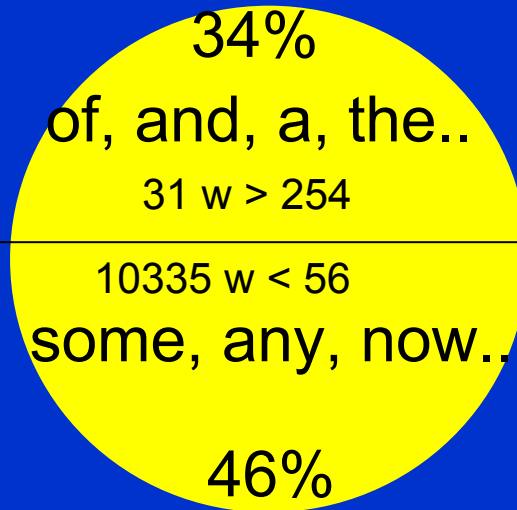
CORPUS – N
80542 word types

VOCABULARY - N(V)
10509 words

HAPAX - V1(N)
5469 words

LEXICAL richness
 $n(v)/n = 0.13$
 $v1(n)/v(n) = 0.52$

3648 sentences
1702 (47%) analyzed



Family ²⁹², **Culture** ²⁶⁷, **Foreigners** ²⁵⁰
Reggio Emilia ²⁴⁷, **Labour** ²¹², **Women** ²⁰⁸
Italy ¹⁹⁵, **Language** ¹⁶², **School** ¹⁵⁹, **Politics** ¹²⁹,
Immigration ¹²⁵, **Integration** ¹¹⁹, **Identity** ¹¹³, **Italians** ⁸⁴
Discrimination ⁷⁴, **Stress** ⁵², **Multiculturalism** ⁴⁶, **Migrants** ³⁸,
Diversity ²⁹, **Future** ²⁶, **Citizenship** ¹⁵, **Emigrate** ¹⁵

FAMILY

“What they miss most is the family network which was lost with the emigration”

EMIGRATE

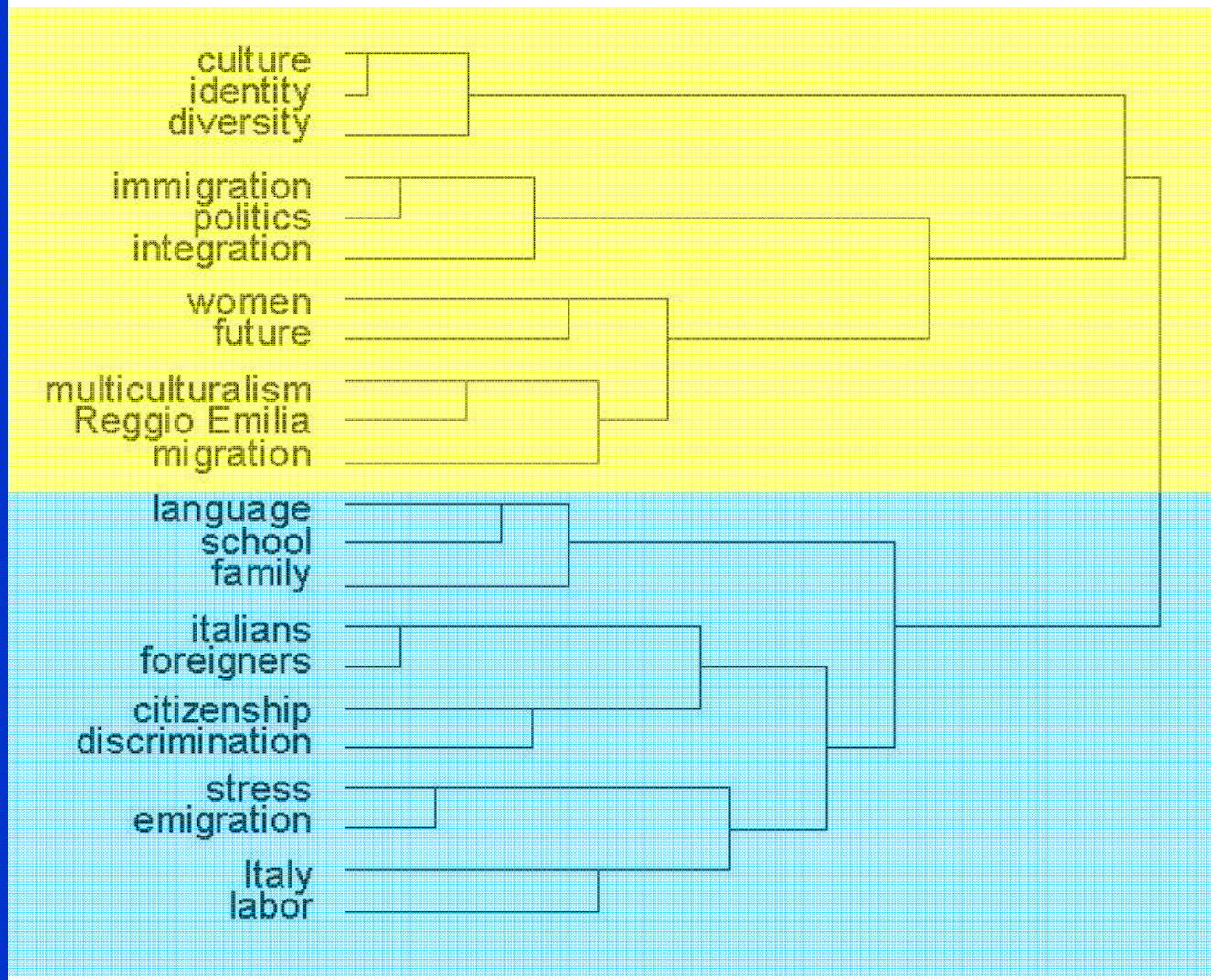
IDENTITY

“The integration coincides with the feeling of belonging that matures through the recognition in the community”

INTEGRATION

Rescaled Distance Cluster Combine

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When you are a child and you get catapulted in a new country, it is fundamental knowing your own cultural **identity**; the research of your own **cultural** roots becomes a fixed idea

If a factory shuts down, **Italian workers** become unemployed, **foreigners** become clandestine

The requirement that **excludes** them is the Italian **citizenship**

Immigrants use public services and pay taxes as everyone else, so they have the full **right to vote**

The fears, difficulties, **sense of extirpation** and the loneliness that **emigration** brings don't frighten me

Because the present and the **future** of our city is **multicultural**: this is the great challenge of **Reggio**

Anila is an Albanian **woman** that succeeds in building a professional **future** in our city

My **work** condition in **Italy** doesn't permit me to decide with serenity

My **mother tongue** is French, so I can't help my **daughter** with the **school** homework

Abstract, theoretical, ideological “tension”

Local dimension,
as “the” community
within which people
manage the
personal and social
development

Actual politics
as cultural
action to solve
and cope with
acculturation
changes

New
political
actors:
young
“aware”
citizens

Concrete,
pragmatic, active
dimension

