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## LEXOCO-SEMANTIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ADJECTIVE IN ITALIAN

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### ABSTRACT

*The structural and semantic criterion of differentiation of qualitative and relative adjectives in Italian is considered. It is argued that relative adjectives are derived from other words, which they are motivated by, whereas qualitative adjectives are primitive in the form of expression and polysemous in the language system.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Semantic Criterion, Subject Attribute, Native Adjective, Modal Features, Motivation, Semantic Derivation.*

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