Record Nr. UNINA9910785451303321 Autore Matras Yaron <1963-> Titolo Romani in Britain: the afterlife of a language / / Yaron Matras Pubbl/distr/stampa Edinburgh: ,: Edinburgh University Press, , 2010 ©2010 **ISBN** 0-7486-7152-8 1-282-94178-X 9786612941788 0-7486-4369-9 1 online resource (xv, 255 pages): maps; digital, PDF file(s) Descrizione fisica 491.4970941 Disciplina Soggetti Romani language - Great Britain - History Romani language - Great Britain Romani language - Great Britain - Spoken Romani - History Romani language - Great Britain - Spoken Romani Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [232]-241) and indexes. Nota di contenuto Angloromani: a different kind of language? -- The roots of Romani --The historical position of British Romani -- The structural composition of Angloromani -- The conversational functions of Angloromani --Conclusions: The decline, death and afterlife of a language --Apendixes: 1. Lexicon of Angloromani -- 2. Predecessor expressions by origin. Sommario/riassunto Romani is one of Britain's oldest and most established minority languages. Brought to the country by Romani immigrants from continental Europe in the sixteenth century or even earlier, it was spoken in its old, inflected form as a family and community language until the second half of the nineteenth century, when it yielded to English. But even after its decline as the everyday language of English and Welsh Gypsies, Romani continues to survive in the form of a vocabulary that is used to express an 'emotive mode' of communication

among group members. This book examines British Romani in its historical context and in its present-day form, drawing on recordings

and interviews with speakers. It documents the Romani vocabulary and its usage patterns in conversation, offering insight into the processes of language death and language revitalization. The volume includes an extensive lexicon of Angloromani as a helpful reference.