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Why are Italian regular verbs regular?

Asking why Italian regular verbs are regular may seem trivial or downright pointless. After all, isn't regularity to be expected, and 'irregularity' what is interesting and needs to be explained? 'Regularity' (understood here as the absence of allomorphy) becomes more problematic when we observe that, in modern standard Italian, it is in fact a general property of all true first conjugation verbs. These verbs now lack all of the types of allomorphy that would be predicted on the basis of regular historical sound change, and which are abundantly represented outside the first conjugation. I will seek to explain the historical motivation for the unexpected regularity of the first conjugation, emphasizing that it is a far from trivial observation and that it reflects an autonomously morphological property of the Italian verb system.

Dozierende, Studierende, alle Interessierte sind herzlich eingeladen!

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