

Contents

1	Introduction	1
Part I	The Political Use of the Occitan Language by the Catalan-Aragonese Monarchy	25
2	The Rise of Catalan as a Royal Language: Bernat Desclot's Account of the Battle of Castellammare in Response to Bernat d'Auriac's <i>sirventés</i>	27
3	The Politics of the Linguistic Discontinuity of Occitan Versus the Continuity of Catalan: The <i>Sermó</i> by Ramon Muntaner	45
4	Catalan and Occitan Versus Aragonese: The Poetic Ceremony Following the Coronation of Alfonso the Benign in Muntaner's <i>Crònica</i>	73

Part II	The Interpretation of the Catalan-Occitan Relationship in the Construction of the Spanish Empire	107
5	The Historical (Dis)Continuity of the Catalan Language and the Linguistic Creation of the Spanish Empire: Ausiàs March in the Early Modern Period	109
6	A Unitary Catalan-Occitan Language in the Early Modern Period: The Exaltation of <i>Apitxat</i> Valencian	169
7	Conclusion	211
	Index	223