

The Afro-Hispanic Varieties: Their Theoretical Relevance for Contact Linguistics and Creole Studies

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The Afro-Hispanic languages of the Americas: Sociohistorical background

This module will cover the sociohistorical background of the Afro-Hispanic languages of the Americas and contrast such scenario with the contexts in which English- and French-based creoles developed in the Caribbean.

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Monogenesis and (de)creolization

This module will cover two of the main hypotheses that have been proposed in the literature to account for the relative paucity of Spanish-based creoles in the Americas (monogenesis and (de)creolization).

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Afrogenesis

This module will cover the Afrogenesis hypothesis, which tries to explain why French- and English-based creoles are much more common than Spanish creoles. We will also see why several authors do not agree with such a model.

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Legal Hypothesis & Advanced SLA features

This module presents the Legal Hypothesis of Creole Genesis, which ascribes a prime importance in the development of the Afro-European languages of the Americas to the legal evolution of slavery; thus, we will offer a comparative analysis of colonial slave laws to explain why certain colonies were more conducive than others to creole formation and/or preservation. We will also pay attention to several Afro-Hispanic phenomena, which have commonly been reported in the literature as the grammatical traces of a previous creole stage. We will see that such features can also be conceived as the result of advanced second language acquisition processes, which do not necessarily imply any previous (de)creolization phase for these contact varieties.