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Gender Agreement Variation in the Afro-Hispanic DP: Aspects of Contact-Driven Restructuring across Generations and Linguistic Domains

This talk analyzes gender agreement variation in the Afro-Bolivian Spanish Determiner Phrase. Results show a case of cross-generational change in progress, consisting of the systematic substitution of stigmatized basilectal Afro-Bolivian features with more prestigious Highland Bolivian Spanish ones (Sessarego 2014). This study embraces a theoretical framework capable of accounting for the variability of a process driven by social factors through a path that is highly constrained by syntactic ones (Sessarego 2021). Findings are further compared and contrasted with parallel studies on other Afro-Andean varieties: Afro-Ecuadorian Spanish and Afro-Peruvian Spanish (Sessarego 2013, 2015).

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