

Curriculum vitae

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1. Dados pessoais

1. Personal data

Nome completo

Full name

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2. Formação académica

2. Academic degrees

Ano	Grau académico	Instituição	Classificação
Year	Academic degree	Institution	Classification
2005	LICENCIATURA	Faculdade de Letras	14

3. Actividades anteriores e situação actual em termos científicos e/ou profissionais

3. Previous and current scientific and/or professional activities

Período	Cargo ou categoria	Instituição
Period	Position or category	Institution
from October 2005 to July 2006	Master's student of the Descriptive Linguistics Master's program- curricular part	Universidade de Coimbra
From July 2006	Master Thesis, Dissertation	

4. Área de actividade científica

4. Area of scientific activity

Creole Studies

5. Domínio de especialização

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Domain of specializations

Being a native speaker of Spanish and French, I studied English as a second language while an undergraduate student at the University of Coimbra (Portugal). During this period, I also acquired native-like competence in Portuguese. Given my linguistic background, I was interested in languages early on in my life, but it was due to the contact with the creole spoken by my many Cape Verdean friends in Coimbra that I took particular interest in creole studies.

As a current student of the Master's program in Descriptive Linguistics, I have focused on copula studies in the Cape Verdean Creole variety of Santiago and I am currently preparing a conference paper entitled "Another look at the problem of the copula in the Santiago variety of Cape Verdean Creole", to be presented in June, 2006 at the meeting of the Associação: Crioulos de Base Lexical Portuguesa e Espanhol, in Coimbra. My study of Cape Verdean Creole focuses on the analysis of variation and change in the morphosyntax of this language from the standpoint of sociolinguistics and creole studies.

Actuais interesses de investigação

Present research interests

As a master's student of the Descriptive Linguistics Master's program at the University of Coimbra, I have already attended the seminars on Sociolinguistics and Language Anthropology, Morphological Description and Analysis, and Contact Linguistics I (CL). In the CL seminar I prepared a conference paper under the supervision of Prof John Holm entitled "Another look at the problem of the copula in the Santiago variety of Cape Verdean Creole", which was accepted for presentation in June, 2006 at the meeting of the Associação: Crioulos de Base Lexical Portuguesa e Espanhola. For my work in CL I received the grade of 18. My current interest in variation/change in the verb phrase of Cape Verdean Creole grew from my earlier research on the creole's copula. I was then confronted with the question of decreolization in Cape Verdean Creole (CVC) for the first time. At present my research project focuses on the study of variation/change in stative verbs in CVC, from the standpoint of decreolization studies and that of recent works on differing degrees of linguistic restructuring (Holm 2004).

Outras competências/actividades

Other skills/activities

In light of my interest in decreolization, I also elaborated two seminar papers. The first one for Morphological Description and Analysis dealt with morphosyntactic inflectional elements in the CVC variety of Santiago, based on earlier and more recent studies of pluralization strategies in this variety. This study aimed to reveal the earlier presence of inflected forms as hints of other processes of language change that might not be accounted for by the concept of decreolization. The other paper for Sociolinguistics and Language Anthropology focused on language ideology and identity negotiation in migration contexts, especially on the language spoken by Cape Verdean immigrants as an identity reconfiguration practice, paying special attention to the role that decreolization might play in both practices from an anthropological standpoint.

6. Publicações

6. Publications

Artigos em revistas de circulação internacional com arbitragem científica /
Papers in international scientific periodicals with referees

Salas Barrera, Itzel. 2006. Another look at the problem of the copula in the Santiago variety of Cape Verdean Creole. *Papia* 16. 32-52.

7. Comunicações

7. Communications

ANOTHER LOOK AT THE PROBLEM OF THE COPULA IN THE SANTIAGO VARIETY OF CAPE VERDEAN CREOLE to be presented at the Annual Conference of ACBLPE (Association for Portuguese and Spanish Lexically Based Creoles), Coimbra, 28- 30 June 2006

8. Línguas

8. Language

Língua Language	Leitura Reading	Escrita Writing	Conversação Conversation
Inglês	Excelente	Excelente	Excelente
Francês	Excelente	Excelente	Excelente
Português	Excelente	Excelente	Excelente
Espanhol (Castelhano)	Excelente	Excelente	Excelente
Crioulo de Cabo Verde	n.d.	n.d.	Bom