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**Standard English in the Bahamas:  
Americanization and/or creolization?**

**Vortrag am 26.10.11 um 18 Uhr c.t.  
Raum S 005, Schellingstraße 3 (Vordergebäude)**

Even though Caribbean creoles have received a fair amount of linguistic attention since the 1960s, we still know precious little about the standard varieties of English spoken in the area. This is unfortunate, as these varieties appear to have been subject to massive restructuring in recent years. In my talk, I will present both quantitative and qualitative information on the orthography, lexis, and morphosyntax of Bahamian Standard English, aiming to give initial answers to two research questions. First, is Standard English as spoken in the Bahamas still following the traditional British norm or has it shifted toward an American orientation; and second, what role does the local creole play in shaping the variety?