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### **Noun phrases in Iberian-lexifier creoles**

This study provides an account of nominal syntax in Iberian-lexifier creoles from several areal clusters with different substrate languages. In creole studies, properties of noun phrases have received considerable attention (e.g. Baptista & Guerón 2007, Bickerton 1981, Bruyn 1995, Holm 1990), but to date, there have been no studies with a comparative approach on the Spanish- and Portuguese-lexifier creoles. Based on a cross-linguistic comparison with phylogenetic tools, the present study aims to reveal the shared features in the area of nominal syntax and the role of the noun phrase in the typological groupings of these creoles.

Our sample includes both Atlantic and Asian varieties and their lexifier languages Portuguese and Spanish. A phylogenetic network analysis of 22 features of nominal syntax from the APiCS database reveals that while Ibero-Asian creoles cluster as expected, Ibero-Atlantic creoles show considerable differences: Palenquero, Papiamentu, Guinea Bissau creole and the Gulf of Guinea creoles depart from the established areal clusters and proposed scenarios of evolution.

In the presentation, we will identify features responsible for the divergence and connect them with substrate influence and the evolutionary histories of these creoles based on complementary data from the project *the Origins and Development of Creole Societies in the Gulf of Guinea* (University of Lisbon). In addition, we will address the implications for phylogenetic network analysis based on typological data.

The findings of the study contribute to research of the Gulf of Guinea creoles in particular and typological approaches to Iberian-lexifier creoles in general.