

African Languages in Latin America

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In spite of historical and anthropological studies on the African “nations” or ethnic groups that the slave traffic spoken by the deported population. Fragments of the slaves’ languages have been indirectly learned, through forms of dance, rituals, music, oral traditions, criminal files and travellers’ diaries. This paper addresses vestiges of African languages present in some Latin America and the Caribbean speech. Two types of locations are addressed. The first were originally constituted as places for freedom, known as quilombos in Brazil, cumbes in Venezuela, palenques in Cuba and Columbia, freevillages in Jamaica and bush societies in Suriname. The second type corresponds to religious spaces where African religious systems are reconstructed and transformed in the New World setting.