

The Supralocal Urban Vernaculars of Colombia

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This presentation is divided into three sections. In the introduction, the category of New World is considered in accordance with the European representations, as well as colonization processes and other diasporas in the Colombian territory. The second part presents statistics of the urban and rural population in Colombia from 1938 to 2005, considering the emergence of intermediate cities conformed by rural and foreign migrations as evidenced by the usage of Arabic or Rom in Colombia. The third part considers the dialect classification of Colombian Spanish according to ALEC, including the main phonological variants. The conclusion indicates that the Castilian language prevails in the territory in terms of demographic density, particularly in four supralocal regional urban vernaculars that correspond to those spoken in Bogotá, Medellín, Barranquilla and Cali. The vernacular spoken in Bogotá is considered as the supralocal national urban vernacular of Colombia and is a variety of prestige in the Americas, the Caribbean and Iberia.

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