

Urban Youth Speech Styles and (other?) contact phenomena

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In my talk I will discuss the characteristics, use and status of urban youth vernaculars in the Netherlands. I will go into their functional restrictions and linguistic characteristics. I will make a comparison, mainly linguistically, with other countries in Europe and beyond (Kenya and South Africa). I will briefly discuss the status and position of these urban vernaculars beside other language contact phenomena such as pidgins, creoles and mixed languages.