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**Exploring zonal blends: the Surinamese Creole Cluster and the St Thomas Negerhollands Cluster**

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This paper explores digitally archived data from 18th and 20th century texts in two Caribbean Creole language clusters: the Suriname Creoles and Virgin Island Creole Dutch. They will be approached from the perspective of syntactic variation and change within what originally have been *zonal blends*: languages within which typological properties from different parts of the world, Europe and West-Africa, are combined. We will focus on the expression of property concepts in their interaction with TMA, as this contrasts typologically for the relevant zones. The structural outcomes for the two clusters are also rather different.