

Eduardo Coto-Villalibre (USC): “On the use of *get*-passives in spoken New Englishes: a corpus-based approach”.

The aim of my talk is twofold. In the first part of my presentation, I will examine the syntactic, semantic and pragmatic characteristics of *get*-passives in Present Day spoken English, as well as the similarities and differences between *get*- and *be*-passives, as represented in the spoken component of the *British National Corpus (BNC)*. In the second part of the presentation, I will introduce the topic of my future research, namely the study of *get*-passive constructions beyond the standard varieties of English. I will focus in particular on some of the South and South-East Asian varieties of English - the English spoken in India, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Philippines. A comparative corpus-based analysis of these four New English varieties will be carried out with data from the *International Corpus of English (ICE)*.