
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).