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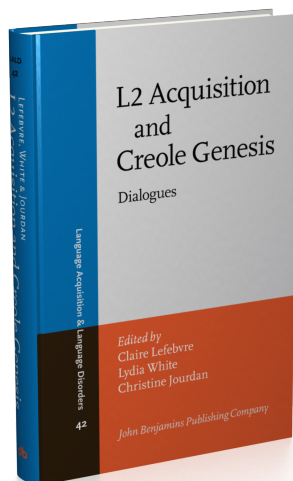
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The purpose of this volume is to contribute to rebuilding the dialogue between L2 acquisitionists and creolists. It focuses on shared processes that are at work in both L2 acquisition and creole genesis, and on the similarities and differences between these two situations.

The results reported on in this volume are based on a research project (2002–2005, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) entitled “Cognitive and Social Processes in the Formation and Acquisition of New Language Varieties” (Claire Lefebvre, Christine Jourdan and Lydia White). The objective of the project was to establish a multidisciplinary research network that would bring together researchers on pidgin, creole and mixed languages and second language acquisition (from the perspective of linguistics, anthropology, sociology and psychology, as well as related fields), whose research explicitly or implicitly takes account of such processes. We created an interactive website to connect the members of the network and to allow the exchange of ideas and data. With members of the network, we held a workshop at the Université du Québec à Montréal (August 27 to 29, 2004), entitled *Montreal Dialogues: Processes in L2 Acquisition and in Creole Genesis*. The chapters of this book constitute a selection of the papers presented at that workshop.

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