

**PROGRESSIVE ASPECT ACROSS TEMPORALITIES:
VARIATION BETWEEN SYNTHETIC AND ANALYTIC
FORMS IN NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE SPANISH**

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- The present study: analysis of the variation between synthetic and analytic forms to encode progressive aspect in L1 and L2 Spanish.
- Function: talk about ongoing actions.

(1) a. *Estoy comiendo en este momento* (present progressive).

“I am eating right now.”

b. *Como en este momento* (present indicative).

“I eat right now.”

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- Framework:
 - Second language acquisition.
 - Variationist sociolinguistics.
- Goals:
 - (1) Examine similarities and differences in the frequency of selection of the forms by learners and native speakers in a controlled instrument.
 - (2) Explore the (new) linguistic predictors that significantly constrain selection.
 - (3) Examine what factors affect the balance between synthetic and analytic forms.

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