

INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO LANGUAGE AND ITS USE II.

Three waves of variationist sociolinguistics

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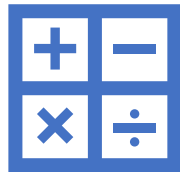
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MAIN PRINCIPLES



variation is
systematic



quantitative
approach



social variation



stylistic variation



THREE WAVES

- Eckert, P. (2012). Three waves of variation study: The emergence of meaning in the study of sociolinguistic variation. *Annual review of Anthropology*, 41, 87–100.





1

FIRST WAVE

- 1960s and 1970s
- general social factors
 - age
 - gender
 - social class
 - education





2

SECOND WAVE

- 1980s and 1990s
- more ethnographic approach
 - social networks
 - local variables
 - community of practice





THIRD WAVE

- 2000s and 2010s
- style as a key concept
 - identity
 - active style-formation
 - individual differences



READING TIP

- Tagliamonte, S. A. (2015). *Making waves: The story of variationist sociolinguistics*. Chichester: John Wiley & Sons.

