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The meaning of the term “creolization” has changed over time, and the range of phenomena it is meant to embrace has broadened. This lecture aims to define creolization in terms of a specific historical and geographical locus, and to link its definition to the anthropological concept of culture.

Sidney W. Mintz received his B.A. in Psychology at Brooklyn College in 1943, and his Ph.D. in Anthropology at Columbia University in 1951. He taught at Yale (1951-75) and also at Johns Hopkins (1975-1997), where he helped to create the Department of Anthropology. He has continued to teach since retiring in 1997, in New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Hong Kong, and Italy, and as well as in the U.S.

Mintz specializes in the study of the Caribbean region, and the anthropology of food. His publications include Worker in the Cane (1960), Caribbean Transformations (1972), Sweetness and Power (1985), Tasting Food Tasting Freedom (1996), and several hundred articles and reviews. In 2002, he translated César Andreu’s novel, Los derrotados published as The Vanquished.