### **University of Technology, Jamaica** Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies

#### Language, Technology and Research Centre



## **Issues in Language Forum**

Issues in Language, an initiative of the dean's office through the LTRC, provides a platform for discussing concerns about the study, use and status of language(s) in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean.

Started in AY 2016/17, the event takes place in the second semester of each academic year. At its first staging in February of 2017, a panel of academics and students from UTech, Jamaica and the University of the West Indies, Mona, discussed the negotiation of English and Creole in the tertiary education classroom.

The second staging of the event featured the first formal British Parliamentary debate in Jamaican Creole, jointly staged by the Faculty and the UTech, Jamaica Debating and Public Speaking Society (UDPSS). Debaters from UTech, Jamaica and the UWI, Mona, debated the motion, "Da ous ya uda mek Patwa Jamieka nashinal langwij' -- 'This house would make Jamaican Creole Jamaica's National Language.'





# All are invited

"Let's bring Patois to the British Parliament"



