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**Key words**: Northern England; urban dialects; consonantal features; pronunciation trends; dialect levelling; spectrographic displays; energy peaks; bandwidth.

The aim of the paper is to study current trends in pronunciation of consonants among residents of Northern cities of England.

The structure of the paper includes Introduction, two Chapters, Conclusion, References and Appendix. The research is of importance because it redefines the role of Northern dialects of English previously outlined in scientific literature and identifies a number of ongoing changes in language use, thus opening up new perspectives on the question of dialect varieties of English.

The object of the research is the consonantal subsystem of the English language. The subject of the research is modern tendencies in pronunciation in Northern cities of England.

 The experimental corpus makes 26 min. 56 sec. and includes authentic speech recordings of native speakers who live in Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield and Newcastle.

The basic methods of the experiment are auditory and acoustic analyses of the speech samples. The auditory analysis sought to identify consonantal dialectal features in the speech patterns. The acoustic analysis was carried out with the help of the computer program Praat and included measurements of energy peaks and acoustic observations of noise distribution and spectral density over specified bandwidths. The elements of statistical analysis included calculating the frequency of occurrence of dialectal features. The paper contains tables and graphs ensuring adequate arrangement and interpretation of obtained data.

The results of the research show that there are two major processes taking place in the North of England. The process of dialect levelling is driving Northern dialects towards one homogenized variety, thus contributing to creating one general stereotype of Northern speech. At the same time, a strong influence of Southern dialects is observed, e.g. some registered pronunciation features are originally ascribed to London.

The paper presents a complex survey of Northern dialects of English, describes their geographical and social distribution, and reflects modern tendencies in pronunciation of consonants. The research leaves an extensive area for further theoretical as well as empirical investigation of urbanised varieties of English in the North of England.

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