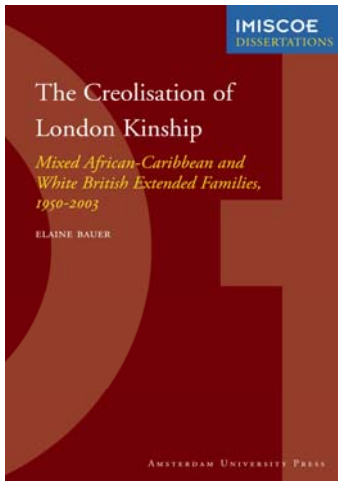


The Creolisation of London Kinship

Mixed African-Caribbean and White British Extended Families, 1950-2003

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