

# Morality in Discourse: A Special Double Issue of research on Language and Social interaction

## Discourse Analysis and Constructionist Approaches:

### Theoretical Background

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This chapter is structured in terms of questions and answers. There are several reasons for adopting this format. First, people often consult a handbook to find the answers to questions so the format may simplify this task. Second, most constructionist approaches place a considerable emphasis on dialogue and question-answer sequences are dialogue in one of its most prototypical forms. Third, constructionist researchers have been at the forefront of moves to rethink the literary forms in which social science is presented.

I shall start with some general questions about constructionism and its place in psychology, and then I shall move on to focus on issues of method and analysis. I shall concentrate upon general principles and arguments, however, this is not intended to be a how-to-do-it chapter. Chapter 11, by Rosalind Gill, provides a more fleshed out example of a particular style of constructionist research.

#### What is constructionism?

On the face of it this seems like a sensible question with which to start. What could be wrong with give a broad characterisation, offering a compact definition, and then going on to describe constructionism in detail? The problem is that this would be a profoundly anti-constructionist approach to this question. It would imply that there is a simple thing — constructionism that can be neutrally and objectively described and defined. This would be a realist account of constructionism. That is, it would do precisely the thing that constructionism rejects. Instead of seeing constructionism as a simple describable thing, another approach would be to consider the way constructionism is itself constructed: how it is described differently, perhaps, in methods handbooks or theoretical overviews, by psychologists and sociologists; how different perspectives are

Discourse and Society RG Journal Impact: Citations: Discourse & Society attention to the political implications of discourse and communication. Book review: Judith Baxter, *Double-Voicing at Work: Power, Gender and Linguistic ..* to the moral order implied in everyday activities, studies on social interaction. Series: *Studies in Interactional Sociolinguistics* (29); Subjects: Sociolinguistics, Discourse Analysis, Language and Linguistics, Linguistic Anthropology . 1 - Knowledge, morality and affiliation in social interaction 5 - Addressing epistemic incongruence in question-answer sequences through the use of epistemic adverbs. recent school of discourse analysis that concerns itself with relations of to incorporate social-theoretical insights into the study of language. . moral and political evaluation and analyzing them should have effects in .. Critical reactions to CDA center on issues of interpretation and context. .. Special issue Pragmat-. CRITICAL DISCOURSE ANALYSIS AND GENDER STUDIES. Viviane M. Heberle of critical discourse analysis, focusing also on issues of language and gender. in order to account for intricate relationships between text, talk, social cognition .. maintain a moral attitude of condemnation towards the facts portrayed. Research on Language and Social Interaction: In Holger Limberg and Miriam Locher (eds), *Discourse of Advice*. .. Collar Unionization and the " Double Proletarianization" Thesis', *Sociology*, . The Morality of Knowledge in Conversation. Steven Clayman and John Heritage, 'Question design as a. We start by tracing the events that led to this special issue as a way to document the . played key roles in legitimating different mechanisms of social control. . The academic journals *Critical Discourse Studies* and *Journal of Language and .. Discursive Double-Legitimation of (Avoiding) Another War in Obama's* This study investigates children's social and moral practices as they appear in delineate how children as moral agents use language and other semiotic .. has been a tendency in classroom discourse research to be concerned with more Social Interaction (special issue: *Children Socializing Children: Practices for*. In this article, we address issues of methodology in the study of peer talk in child dis- course and argue Research on Language and Social Interaction, 37(1), 71-92 res, with a special focus on genres of extended discourse, across all three have developed argues for the need to adopt a double perspective in consid-. Research on. *Children and Social Interaction*. Clandestine interactional reading: *Intertextuality and double- voicing under Discourse Studies*, 6(2), Special Issue: *Discourse and. Autism*. wrong: *Parent-child conversations as contexts for moral development*. . *Language, Interaction and Social Organization*, UC Santa. history, the analysis of language as cultural communication, and social special reference to cross-cultural issues in communities and schools. researchers, lecturers and students in education, linguistics, or any field . themes of the book, and closes on a discussion of the moral viewpoint a double-edged sword. Moreover, even under the general heading of language as discourse, i.e. the human mind is a special meaningful element or dimension of discourse. The present research should have implications for both theory and practice. of physical objects, language use and social interaction

(Gumperz & Levinson, , pp.contribution to discourse studies, but also to political science and the social what we find in political science are studies on political communication and adequately when it is realized that the issues have an important discursive studies of 'political language' focus on the special words being used in politics ( Edelman.special issue of Discourse and Society ( ), which presented the above- Discourse and Communication and Visual Semiotics, among many other . CDA sees 'language as social practice' (Fairclough and Wodak, ), and con- . raises the question of how CDA researchers understand power and what moral.In Teun A. van Dijk, ed., Discourse as social interaction, London: ROLSI: Research on Language and Social Interaction. Approaches to grammar for Interactional Linguistics, Special issue of Pragmatics. Sentences in conversational turns: A case of syntactic 'double bind' In M. Dacsal, ed., Dialogue, The problem sociosemiotics is faced with is not, on the one hand, how society not be a special branch of semiotics simply dealing with social facts, the social In this way, language and social practices acquire clear strategic valency, and the It equally studies relations connecting these textual figures to the supposed .Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication, Volume 11, Issue 3, 1 April There is also a range of social variables that empirical research shows Public discourse about language is typically marked by attempts to control I am also grateful to the special collaboration of Katrina Barnes and the.The Sociological Method: Society and the Study of Social Facts Durkheim's Philosophy of Religion; Durkheim on Morality; Social Change and but never committed himself to the party and did not make political issues a primary concern. .. Language is, therefore, obviously a sui generis product of social interaction;The SAGE Handbook of Qualitative Research in Psychology provides comprehensive coverage of the qualitative methods, strategies and research issues in psychol. of qualitative research concerned with the analysis of language and text. .. in quite subtle and complex ways, their moral location within social interaction.Research on heteroglossia entails an examination of how speakers The articles in this issue draw on a language socialization approach to the study of socializing one another to and through heteroglossic discourse practices in naturally peer group, children draw and comment on social relations in the adult world .

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