



Conversation Analysis: An Introduction

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DESCRIPTION

Combining the main findings, methods and analytic techniques of this central approach to language and social interaction, along with real-life examples and step-by-step explanations, *Conversation Analysis* is the ideal student guide to the field.

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- Provides an engaging historical overview of the field, along with detailed coverage of the key findings in each area of CA and a guide to current research
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- Focuses on the most important domains of organization in conversation, including turn-taking, action sequencing, repair, stories, openings and closings, and the effect of context
- Includes real-life examples and step-by-step explanations, making it an ideal guide for students navigating this growing field

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