Introduction to Pragmatics
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DESCRIPTION

Introduction to Pragmatics guides students through traditional and new approaches in the field, focusing particularly on phenomena at the elusive semantics/pragmatics boundary to explore the role of context in linguistic communication.

- Offers students an accessible introduction and an up-to-date survey of the field, encompassing both established and new approaches to pragmatics
- Addresses the traditional range of topics – such as implicature, reference, presupposition, and speech acts – as well as newer areas of research, including neo-Gricean theories, Relevance
- Theory, information structure, inference, and dynamic approaches to meaning
- Explores the relationship and boundaries between semantics and pragmatics
- Ideal for students coming to pragmatics for the first time

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