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Handbook of Interpersonal Communication New!

Interpersonal communication (IC) is a continuous game between the interacting interactants. It is a give and take - a continuous, dynamic flow that is linguistically realized as discourse as an on-going sequence of interactants' moves. Interpersonal communication is produced and interpreted by acting linguistically, and this makes it a fascinating research area. The handbook, *Interpersonal Communication*, examines how interactants manage to exchange facts, ideas, views, opinions, beliefs, emotion, etc. by using the linguistic systems and the resources they offer. Editors: Gerd Antos and Eija Ventola

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Culture, Society, and Cognition New!

This theoretically motivated approach to pragmatics (vs. semantics) produces a radically new view of culture and its role vis-a-vis society. Understanding what words mean in use requires an open-ended recourse to pragmatic cultural knowledge. Cultural knowledge makes up a productive conceptual system. Members of a cultural community share the system but not all of the system's content, making culture a system of parallel distributed cognition. This book presents such a system, and then elaborates a version of "cultural models" that relates actions to goals, values, emotional content, and context, and that allows both systematic generative capacity and systematic variation across cultural and subcultural groups. Author: David B. Kronenfeld

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Language Interrupted New!

In this book John McWhorter looks at cases where language contact has resulted in a reduction of complexity but not to the same degree as Creoles and Pidgins. These are cases where the normal development of a language was "interrupted" by wide non-native acquisition which led to the loss of grammatical complexity compared to other related languages whose historical development did not witness such interruption. The radical claim that McWhorter makes is that all cases where a language appears to have been simplified to a degree not explainable by means of regular linguistic change are due to the intervention of non-native learners. The book examines a wide range of data in support of this claim. Author: John McWhorter

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Sound Structure in Language New!

This book presents Jørgen Rischel's most important work on language and sound structure. It includes some of the most original and groundbreaking research of four decades. The chapters focus on stress, syllabification, accent, and vowel harmony, and their interactions with other aspects of language. They include exemplary descriptions of the sound systems of a wide range of languages, cover both synchronic and diachronic analysis, and reflect the authors' lifelong interest in typology. The book will interest phonologists, phoneticians, and language typologists throughout the world. Author: Jørgen Rischel

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Translating Music

Popular and multimodal forms of cultural products are becoming increasingly visible within translation studies research. Interest in translation and music, however, has so far been relatively limited, mainly because

translation of musical material has been considered somewhat outside the limits of translation studies, as traditionally conceived. Difficulties associated with issues such as the 'musicality' of lyrics, the fuzzy boundaries between translation, adaptation and rewriting, and the pervasiveness of covert or unacknowledged translations of musical elements in a variety of settings have generally limited the research in this area

to overt and canonized translations such as those done for the opera.

Editor: Sebnem Susam Sarajevo

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Lesbian Discourses [New!](#)

This is a book on sexuality, or rather on the corporeal - or on the language of a specific counter-hegemonic "marginal" sexual behavior, that struggles to show the concerned community's visibility as a (non-) mirror of "other", though this marginalized "other"'s imagination is also a dominant mainstream communal imagination. The book is searching a/many standpoint/s of lesbians in the given spatio-temporal constraints of England, Germany (partly), and the United States. The module of imagined state (of affairs) here is not the religion, neither language, nor so called "race", but the woman-woman relationship or the care of imagined collective selves.

AUTHOR: Veronika Koller

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14th International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference

LFG 2009 welcomes work within the formal architecture of Lexical-Functional Grammar as well as typological, formal, and computational work within the 'spirit of LFG' as a lexicalist approach to language employing a parallel, constraint-based framework. The conference aims to promote interaction and collaboration among researchers interested in non-derivational approaches to grammar, where grammar is seen as the interaction of (perhaps violable) constraints from multiple levels of structuring, including those of syntactic categories, grammatical relations, semantics and discourse.

Date: 13 July 2009 to 16 Jul 2009 (Cambridge, United Kingdom)

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Enlarging Translation

Beginning with the paradox that characterizes the history of translation studies in the last half century - that more and more parameters of translation have been defined, but less and less closure achieved - the first half of *Enlarging Translation, Empowering Translators* calls for radical inclusionary approaches to translation, including a greater internationalization of the field. The book investigates the implications of the expanding but open definition of translation, with a chapter on research methods charting future approaches to translation studies.

Author: Maria Tymoczko

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The Department of General Linguistics of Stellenbosch University - Master's programmes

The Department of General Linguistics at Stellenbosch University invites applications for admission to any of the following three Master's programmes in 2009: MPhil in Intercultural Communication; MPhil in Second Language Studies and MA in Linguistics for the Language Professions.

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2nd International Clinical Linguistics Conference (Call for papers)

Research on linguistics linked to language disorders has a long tradition in Europe and in the United States. In Spain this is a growing field in Applied Linguistics, although it has expanded considerably over the last decade.

Date: 11 November 2009 to 13 November 2009 (Madrid, Spain)

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Phonology

This textbook introduces the reader to the field of phonology, from allophones to faithfulness and exemplars. It assumes no prior knowledge of the field, and includes a brief review chapter on phonetics. It is written within the framework of Cognitive Linguistics, but covers a wide range of historical and contemporary theories, from the Prague School to Optimality Theory.

Author: Geoffrey S. Nathan

Sign Bilingualism

This volume provides a unique cross-disciplinary perspective on the external ecological and internal psycholinguistic factors that determine sign bilingualism, its development and maintenance at the individual and societal levels. Multiple aspects concerning the dynamics of contact situations involving a signed and a spoken or a written language are covered in detail, i.e. the development of the languages in bilingual deaf children, cross-modal contact phenomena in the productions of child and adult signers, sign bilingual education concepts and practices in diverse social contexts, deaf educational discourse,

sign language planning and interpretation.
Editors: Carolina Plaza-Pust and Esperanza Morales-López

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Social Lives in Language - Sociolinguistics and multilingual speech communities

This volume offers a synthetic approach to language variation and language ideologies in multilingual communities. Although the vast majority of the world's speech communities are multilingual, much of sociolinguistics ignores this internal diversity. This volume fills this gap, investigating social and linguistic dimensions of variation and change in multilingual communities.

Editors: Miriam Meyerhoff and Naomi Nagy

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The Limits of Syntactic Variation

Against the background of the past half century's typological and generative work on comparative syntax, this volume brings together 16 papers considering what we have learned and may still be able to learn about the nature and extent of syntactic variation. More specifically, it offers a multi-perspective critique of the Principles and Parameters approach to syntactic variation, evaluating the merits and shortcomings of the pre-Minimalist phase of this enterprise and considering and illustrating the possibilities opened up by recent empirical and theoretical advances.

Editor: Theresa Biberauer

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A History of Cant and Slang Dictionaries

This book continues Julie Coleman's acclaimed history of dictionaries of English slang and cant. It describes the increasingly systematic and scholarly way in which such terms were recorded and classified in the UK, the USA, Australia, and elsewhere, and the huge growth in the publication of and public appetite for dictionaries, glossaries, and guides to the distinctive vocabularies of different social groups, classes, districts, regions, and nations.

Author: Julie Coleman

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Syllable Structure

This book looks at the range of possible syllables in human languages. The syllable is a central notion in phonology but basic questions about it remain poorly understood and phonologists are divided on even the most elementary issues. For example, the word city has been syllabified as ci-ty (the 'maximal onset' analysis), cit-y (the 'no-open-lax-V' analysis), and cit-ty (the 'geminate C' analysis). San Duanmu explores and clarifies these and many other related issues through an in-depth analysis of entire lexicons of several languages.

Author: San Duanmu

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An Introduction to the Theory of Formal Languages and Automata

The present text is a re-edition of Volume I of Formal Grammars in Linguistics and Psycholinguistics, a three-volume work published in 1974. This volume is an entirely self-contained introduction to the theory of formal grammars and automata, which hasn't lost any of its relevance. Of course, major new developments have seen the light since this introduction was first published, but it still provides the indispensable basic notions from which later work proceeded.

Author: Willem J.M. Levelt

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Functional Discourse in Grammar

This book is the first comprehensive presentation of Functional Discourse Grammar, a new and important theory of language structure. The authors set out its nature and origins and show how it relates to contemporary linguistic theory. They demonstrate and test its explanatory power and descriptive utility against linguistic facts from over 150 languages across a wide range of linguistic families.

Author: Kees Hengeveld and J. Lachlan Mackenzie

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Public Opening of the Universal Catalogue

The European Language Resources

Association today announces the public opening of the Universal Catalogue. The Universal Catalogue is publicly open to the general language-technology and language-studying communities so as to facilitate both LR search and storage to all LR users. Both activities are done in a simplified and shareable manner.

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Language Learning Strategies in Independent Settings

In recent years traditional, classroom-based language tuition has been increasingly overshadowed by innovative approaches, such as distance learning, supported independent learning and blended learning. This timely volume examines the use of language learning strategies in a range of independent settings, and addresses key issues for independent learners such as autonomy, strategic awareness and self-regulation.

Editors: Stella Hurd and Tim Lewis

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Conversation in Context

This interesting and readable book offers both detailed, focused investigations of very specific conversation phenomena, and a comprehensive literature overview, and the beginnings of a general framework for studying conversation phenomena in general. As the subtitle "A Corpus-driven Approach" indicates, the book comes from the tradition

of and is mainly aimed at corpus linguistics, but it should be of interest to anyone who studies conversation, including computational linguists, philosophers of language, sociologists, and cognitive scientists.

Authors: Christoph Ruhlemann

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The Oxford Introduction to Proto-Indo-European and the Proto-Indo-European World

In 1997 an impressive Encyclopedia of Indo-European Culture (EIEC). The book offered a treasure trove of factual information on the prehistory and material culture of peoples speaking Indo-European languages.

Despite some criticism EIEC was a major advance by the mere fact of having been the first such undertaking in Indo-European studies for almost three quarters of a century. The new book may be characterized as EIEC without the archaeology and without the pictures, focusing almost entirely on the reconstructable lexicon and on the evidence it provides about the people.

Authors: James Mallory and Douglas Q. Adams

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Senior Lektor/Lektor/Junior Lektor. Akademiese Geletterdheid (7 Poste)

2 Jaar-Termynposte. Minimum vereistes: 'n Toepaslike Doktorsgraad (Senior Lektor) of 'n toepaslike Meestersgraad (Lektor) of 'n toepaslike Honneursgraad (Junior Lektor).

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The British Academic Written English Corpus (BAWE)

We are pleased to announce that the British Academic Written English (BAWE) corpus is now available to all researchers who register with the Oxford Text Archive.

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Medeprofessor/Senior Lektor/Lektor: Duits

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Medeprofessor/Senior Lektor/Lektor: Frans

Minimum vereistes: Toepaslike Honneurs- (Junior lektor) of Meestersgraad in Tale (verkieslik in Frans) met ongeveer 3 jaar bewese ondervinding in die onderrig van Frans as vreemde taal.

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Vakature - Universiteit van Stellenbosch

Hierby aangeheg inligting oor 'n vakature vir 'n Lektoraat by die Departement Algemene Taalwetenskap, Universiteit Stellenbosch.

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Genre Relations

This book provides an introduction to genre analysis from the perspective of the 'Sydney School' of functional linguistics. Chap 1 introduces our general orientation to genre from the perspective of system and structure, and places genre within our general model of language and social context. Chap 2-5 deal with five major families of genres. Chapter 6 deals with a range of issues arising for genre analysis in a model of this kind. The book has been written for a readership of functional linguists, discourse analysts and educational linguists, including their post-graduate and advanced undergraduate students.
Author: J.R. Martin and David Rose

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English Language and Literature: Cross Cultural Currents

This book is a collection of essays that interrogate the precarious positions of English and African languages in an era in which English is increasingly becoming the dominant language in Africa while at the same time there is a growing resistance against it. Though many Africans take pride in their own cultural heritage that is expressed by their African languages, they require the economic and social benefits of English. The book presents a language dilemma in which both African languages and English enhance, inhibit, and influence each other. The data used by the authors spans a broad spectrum of sources including: fiction, courts, parliamentary Hansards, House of Chiefs, classrooms, internet, roads and bus ranks.
Editor: Mompoloki Mmangaka Bagwasi

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On the Dot

Despite the humble origins of its name (Anglo Saxon for "the speck at the head of a boil"), the dot has been one of the most versatile players in the history of written communication, to the point that it has become virtually indispensable. Now, in 'On the Dot', Alexander and Nicholas Humez offer a wide ranging, entertaining account of this much overlooked and miniscule linguistic sign.
Authors: Alexander Humez and Nicholas Humez

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Multilingual Europe: Reflections on Language and Identity

As Europe continues to expand and integrate through the European Union, it faces the challenge of ever increasing multilingual and multicultural contact, within and across its borders. This volume presents recent research on European language policy, language contact and multiculturalism that explores how Europe is meeting this challenge. Inspired by intersections and conflicts in language and cultural identity in Europe, the volume transcends disciplinary boundaries by enhancing sociolinguistic research with chapters on cultural identity and language in contemporary European cinema.
Editors: Jane Warren and Heather Merle Benbow

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Language Evolution

Examining the development of creoles in many parts of the world. This book offers unconventional insights into fundamental principles of language contact and language change. He questions traditional linguistic notions like 'system', 'transmission' and adopts biological concepts such as 'ecology', 'competition and selection' to illustrate the similarities between languages and viral species and highlight mutual accommodation among individuals as a prerequisite for emergent communal behavior.
Author: Salikoko S. Mufwene

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Pragmatics and Corpus Linguistics

The recent history of linguistics has witnessed the development of some disciplines that were conceived apart but benefited from common intuitions. One example of this phenomenon is the relationship established throughout time between pragmatics and corpus linguistics. Although their arrival heralded the application of two paradigms based on distant theoretical principles, they always showed an interest in their mutual advances and their practical reconciliation gave birth to an intellectual synergy that proved very fruitful.

Editor: Jesús Romero-Trillo

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UFS - Language Practice Programme

The University of the Free State has recently launched their 2009 Language Practice Programme. Limited internships and bursaries available after registration.

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