A CA VERSUS A CDA APPROACH TO CROSS-GENDER TALK-IN-INTERACTION

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Abstract: This article attempts at demonstrating that language of talk-in-interaction is a resource that can provide direct access to the world and people’s perceptions of it. Representatives of Conversation Analysis consider that the researcher should not impose variables such as age, class, race or gender on the analysis as critical discourse analysts do, and that these variables will only be considered relevant if the participants orient to them. Nevertheless, a correct understanding of the context in which the linguistic interaction takes place has been proved to be of paramount importance.

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