

Learning08: Methodologies and Practices for Approaching Learning as a Social Phenomenon Inside and Outside of School

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Ways to apply CA to second language acquisition: Six – maybe seven

For not much more than a decade now, researchers have been applying the method of conversation analysis (CA) to data materials in which at least one speaker does not use his own mother-tongue. A large portion of the researchers that have been doing this, consider themselves to be working in the field of second language learning - more often called Second Language Acquisition (SLA). The decade has been one of debate - focussing on whether CA is geared to addressing questions raised in SLA, most notably those considering learning.

However, in this talk, I will focus on how CA is being applied to SLA research. I will identify six, maybe seven ways of applying, which each bring about specific methodological issues, and produce different types of outcomes. The six, maybe seven ways of applying will be illustrated with examples of published or ongoing research projects.