

ISCA Forum Newsletter

Editorial: The First ISCA Forum

We are very excited to present you the first ISCA Forum Newsletter. Over the past few months we have been hard at work to gather ideas and interesting content to reach out and engage the world-wide EM/CA community. In this newsletter, we offer a gloss of what can be found at conversationanalysis.org/newsletter.

Aspirations

One goal of ISCA is to do more outreach to the EM/CA community. This forum provides members the opportunity to share their work and ideas, and to invite discussions on methodological developments and emerging theories. In this way we hope to cross borders, by bringing together researchers from across the globe and making ISCA a truly international society.

As this is the first edition of the newsletter and the forum, it is a sort of pilot, a proof of concept. It is a way for us to show what they can be, but that also means that they are unfinished. To make sure both are of continuing interest to the community, we would love to hear what you think on anything from the layout to the content: comments, critiques, and suggestions are very welcome. We are also on the lookout for more content: if you want to contribute, either in one of the formats we already have or a new format, please get in touch.

As this is a forum, we look forward to the discussions this issue evokes. We plan to circulate the next edition in late April. Keep a look out for the upcoming launches of: the Jefferson Index, Schegloff Sound Archive, Remote Data Sessions, and an ISCA Podcast! With your input, we hope this forum and the associated projects will be invaluable resources for EM/CA researchers.

This newsletter

For this first edition we have some great articles we think will be of interest to many of you. These show the type of content we envision for the forum, and provide an excellent overview of the work of some of the committee members

Squib

The squib is a short paper in which the authors provide a preliminary analysis of an interesting phenomenon. The format holds in between a conference presentation and a manuscript for publication, and is therefore not peer reviewed. It provides authors an opportunity to share their analysis at a point where they are not yet ready to write up a manuscript, and want to invite comments and ideas from the community.

For this first edition, Vittoria Colla and Letizia Caronia of the University of Bologna present an analysis of how parents and children invoke books as a source for epistemic authority during homework sessions. They suggest that participants construct books as an 'epistemically authoritative resource' and that in doing so children reveal their trust in school books as a reliable source of knowledge.

Check out the full length: [The book knows best](#).

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EMCA Wiki Digest

Announcements

The deadline for the 2020 John Gumperz Annual Graduate Student Essay Prize is *1st February, 2020*. Eligibility: your sole-author essay must have been written while a grad student, and must be submitted less than 2 years after the time of writing.

Other Announcements

Jobs

There are *two, open, and funded EMCA PhD positions* at the Department of Applied IT, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. One focuses on Trust and Competence in the Age of Artificial Intelligence. The second focuses on fair, accountable, and transparent methods for trustworthy machines. The project is headed by Jonas Ivarsson.

Deadline: 29th January 2020.

Other jobs

CFP Upcoming DEADLINES

2 February 2020: European Conference on Conversation Analysis 2020 (ECCA2020)

The CfP for the first European Conference on Conversation Analysis to be held in Nijmegen, NL on June 29-30 2020 is now online.

Other CfPs

Upcoming Conferences

VALS-ASLA 2020 (12-14 February 2020)

VALS-ASLA Conference, Applied Linguistics in the Digital Age. February 12-14, 2020, University of Neuchâtel.

Challenges & opportunities in digitalization of linguistics.

Other conferences

Data session report

The data session report provides insights into how different groups of EM/CA scholars conduct data sessions. There are no standards for how a data session should be run. Despite their central role in EM/CA research they take place essentially in the background: we just do them. But this also means that there are different conventions, and we can learn a lot from how our fellow researchers organize their data sessions.

For this first edition, Stamatina Katsiveli-Siachou discusses a central issue for many EM/CA scholars: how to deal with multilingual data sessions. English is the lingua franca of modern academia, but many of us study other languages: some similar to English, but some fundamentally different. This provides a lot of challenges during data sessions, and Stamatina talks us through them, providing an invaluable discussion for cross-linguistic analysis.

Read the full discussion: [Transcript Preparation for Multilingual Data Sessions](#)

Ethics and data collection - Field Report

Our first field report offers a reflective account of naturalistic researcher's experience. Authors, Emma Tennent and Fiona Grattan, tell of Fiona's predicament when faced with an ethics committee that was unfamiliar with interactional research. They recount the process of navigating the unduly consent requirements placed on participants, and the effects it had on successful data collection.

Read their full account: [Risk, time, and consent: Balancing ethics and natural data collection.](#)

Perhaps this story sounds unfortunately familiar? We hope to compile resources to help! We are making a call out for *successful ethics applications* to upload to the wiki! These may help researchers streamline the process of effectively communicating to ethics committees what we, as naturalistic researchers, are trying to capture with our data collection.

EMCA Wiki Digest

On the forum we will provide a digest of the EMCA Wiki.

Wait! There is an EMCA Wiki?

YES!

In 2014 a group of volunteers began moving Paul ten Have's EM/CA news website onto a wiki. Since that time, they have successfully moved all 8,500 bibliographic entries over to the wiki!! Now hosted by ISCA, this wiki contains (nearly) all published EM/CA work. It also lists current job opportunities, calls for papers, links to web pages, upcoming conferences, teaching resources, etc. An active group of volunteers currently maintains the wiki, by adding new and relevant information as it appears. In each newsletter, we will spotlight an aspect of the wiki, showing what an invaluable resource it can be for EM/CA researchers. We will also flag some of the upcoming opportunities and deadlines.

Check out the wiki for the full listings: [EMCA Wiki](#)

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It is another way to get the most up-to-date information listed on the wiki, and to get your own work out there. When an article or opportunity is added, we will Tweet about it!