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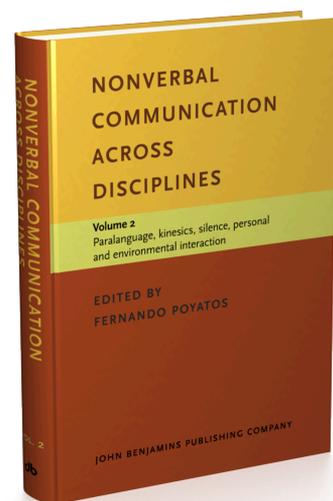
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This is the second of the three volumes which, as I mentioned in the first, sums up, while enlarging upon different aspects and adding new topics and perspectives, most of the communication and interaction topics I treated in the last thirty years in books and articles, mainly within linguistics, cultural anthropology, sociology, social psychology, semiotics, and literature, besides some related areas. It is, therefore, a work not easy to classify in any one field, although linguistics seems to predominate in the first four chapters of this volume, while the rest fall within other areas of communication and interaction. At any rate, this volume continues to pursue the interdisciplinary approach I also sought when organizing symposiums and in other academic activities in many countries, which provided me with much cross-cultural material.

If the readers are first acquainted with the first volume, they will profit more from this one, as they will appreciate better the new areas developed here.

Fernando Poyatos
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