

Contributors

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Trine Heinemann is a linguist and trained Conversation Analysts. She has a long-standing interest in how objects and other aspects of our environment influence and are influenced by interaction. Other research interests include the relationship between linguistic format and action, and how language is used in a range of institutional settings, for instance, in home help visits and audiology consultations.

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Before leaving research in 2017, **Maurice Nevile** was Associate Professor at the University of Southern Denmark (half time). As a linguist and applied linguist, he completed his PhD (2001) in conversation analysis. Further education included the 8-day intensive course at UCLA (2006), and three summerschool/courses with Gail Jefferson. For twenty years he researched video recordings of natural settings to examine the language, practices and collaborative activities of social interaction, in cars, commercial and military aviation, aviation accidents and incidents, pilot training, design, higher education, and problem gambling. He is lead editor of the book *Interacting with Objects: Language, Materiality, and Social Activity* (2014).

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