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Abstract:

Humor in Interaction is a collection of research papers that bring a valuable contribution to the field of humour studies and other related areas, such as linguistic pragmatics, sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, psycholinguistics, gender studies and translation studies. Its central focus is on interactional aspects of humour, and the results are based on a complex set of data, extracted either from everyday conversations, talks at work or controlled experiments and questionnaires, using a wide array of approaches, from Conversation Analysis and Politeness Theory to Community of Practice and Bakhtin's theory.

The book is divided into four parts, the first being an Introduction by the editors, Neal R. Norrick and Delia Chiaro, who present the aims and structure of the volume.

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