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Coexpressivity, Gesture, and Language Emergence: Modality, Composition, and Creation

Message from the Guest Editors

The notion that human communication, including virtually all signed and spoken languages, routinely involves multiple simultaneous channels or modalities, some vocal and some not, is an ancient idea.

Nonetheless, it has only recently received serious systematic attention from scholars of language and social interaction. Scientific advances in the study of what we will refer to as “coexpressivity,” which often involve research by native and non-native researchers alike on endangered or little studied indigenous and community languages, pay careful attention to what Enfield (2009) called “composite utterances”, in which speech (or sign), gesture, bodily configuration, gaze, and/or touch coalesce to constitute and enable communicative action. Existing literature variously addresses such issues: in addition to Enfield’s (2009) foundational study on Lao or Goodwin’s recent (2017) monograph on cooperative action, there are numerous publications on what Kendon (2004) called “speakers’ gestures”...

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