



Department of Sociology

Introducing Feminist Conversation Analysis

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Conversation analysis (CA) is increasingly widely used as a research methodology to study genders, sexualities, power, oppression, and other feminist issues. We have used it to improve counseling interactions with women in distress after childbirth, to explore how gender is constructed in ordinary conversation, and to study lesbian experiences of 'coming out'. Feminist CA is interdisciplinary, spanning psychology, sociology, linguistics, medicine, and other related disciplines.

We are offering a one-day introduction to feminist conversation analysis. It is suitable for anyone with feminist (or other related political) commitments but with no (or only very limited) previous experience with conversation analysis. If you are interested in finding out what conversation analysis may have to offer you in your own doctoral or post-doctoral research, this is the course for you.

The course will be limited to no more than 15 people who will work intensively with the two tutors. We will include short talks about our own research, some data analysis sessions, a practical small-group exercise, and a question and answer period.

This one-day course will equip you to make an informed decision about whether or not conversation analysis is a suitable method for you and will give you some initial exposure to what it involves.

The course fee is £85 (or £65 for 'early bird' reservation + payment by 15 April). There is one bursary available to support a student who would not otherwise be able to attend (contact Celia Kitzinger for further information). The cost of the course includes course materials, a course reader, a Certificate of Attendance, tea, coffee and lunch. Details of the program will be confirmed closer to the time: the course will start 10am and finish at 5.30pm.

The deadline for registration is 1st May 2008 but early registration is recommended since the course is likely to be over-subscribed.

The University of York offers bed and breakfast accommodation on campus at reasonable rates. This can be booked either on-line or by telephone.

Please check the web site <http://www.york.ac.uk/admin/accom/returner/usefullocal.htm>

If you are unsure whether this is the right course for you, or for information about other CA courses at University of York, contact Celia Kitzinger on cck1@york.ac.uk to discuss it. Information is also available on the Feminist CA Unit website: <http://www.york.ac.uk/res/casl/FCAU/index.htm>

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