



FROM THE EDITORS

Harvey Sacks has had an enduring influence upon various communities of scholars in sociology, linguistics, and allied disciplines. Herewith we present the first part of the Harvey Sacks thematic issue in *Przegląd Socjologiczny*, which is timed to mark the anniversary of Sacks's birth year in 1935; to commemorate his death in 1975; and to celebrate the paperback publication of his *Lectures on conversation*, in 1995. The second part of the Harvey Sacks thematic issue is scheduled for publication in March 2026.

Taken as a whole, this thematic issue illustrates that Sacks's legacy extends beyond Conversation Analysis (CA) and Membership Categorization Device (MCD) analysis, the fields which he founded, but encompasses a logic for how people in society organize and describe their world. Membership Categorization Analysis (MCA) was later developed to address certain problems that remained in Sacks's original formulations of MCD analysis. Although contributions within this issue address practices of membership categorization and their entailments, and conversation analysis in its sequential and multimodal forms, Sacks's legacies are not limited to these approaches.

Articles, books, and edited collections on CA and MCA appear regularly. The broad classifications of turn-taking and/or membership categorization that provide impetus for new publications are not exhaustive of his lectures. Sacks's key legacies – explicating the socio-logic of society-members as thoroughly available for analysis; and how their socio-logic was both generalizable to living within society, yet visibly contingent upon circumstances – are sacrificed through an increasing focus on method, that is, the technologies for making members' actions available, and the domestication of radical forms of inquiry that results from this focus. Sacks's seamless contextualizing of both the *formal* (general, logical) and *quiddity-based* (specific, methodic) features of the activities in which members are engaged demonstrates that these are mutually constitutive features of members' social worlds.

To start with, we offer an orientation paper. Within a discussion of the range of Sacks's work and its relevance to theory and theorizing, to social structure, and ethnomethodological inquiry, the gloss "Sacks Studies" expresses our hope that the *Lectures* can be explored more fully, beyond CA and MCD analysis. This piece also contains a more extended introduction to the texts included in this issue.

The first section, entitled "Research perspectives", contains two papers. To celebrate Sacks's legacies, and to honour his late friend and colleague, Emanuel Schegloff, we make available an extended proposal for reporting upon a line of inquiry revealed by the analysis of naturally occurring talk: the local organization of repair. This precious document was entrusted to us by Edward Rose. In case we have the only extant copy of this document we include it here for others to appreciate, too. In a highly original essay, Alec McHoul alights on fugitive remarks in Sacks's *Lectures* to draw out threads that consider the relations between Sacks's work and ordinary language philosophy; and what Sacks had meant through his use of terms such as "apparatus", "machinery", "understanding" and "culture".

The next section, "Articles", contains four papers. Contrastive with the widely held view that ethnomethodology and Sacks's conversation analysis moved apart gradually, Stacy Burns dissects a transcribed recording of an early discussion between Sacks and Harold Garfinkel, chronicling the distinct emphases that characterized these overlapping fields from the outset. Sara Keel looks at members' use of indexical expressions in instruction sequences. Using Sacks's work to effectuate a detailed comparison of face-to-face and online physiotherapy formats, Keel's paper has consequences for providers considering moving their services online. Shintaro Matsunaga and Nozomi Ikeya present a perspicuous setting for the analysis of time. Among the emergency team, time is a factor in deciding whether to transport the patient to the hospital by ambulance or by helicopter. Orientations to time are omnirelevant, unspoken hence unavailable for transcription. The suggestion that transcripts of talk do not always preserve the interactional "whatness" of settings continues in the article by Andrew Carlin and Younhee Kim, who challenge some foundational assumptions of parent-child interaction as an analytic field.

In the book review section Marek Czyżewski discusses the volume *On Sacks: Materials, methodology, and inspirations* (ed. by Robin James Smith, Richard Fitzgerald, and William Housley). For consideration of local readers of Harvey Sacks, the review is published in Polish.