

Back behind the wheel

Social-interactional perspectives on older drivers and driver education

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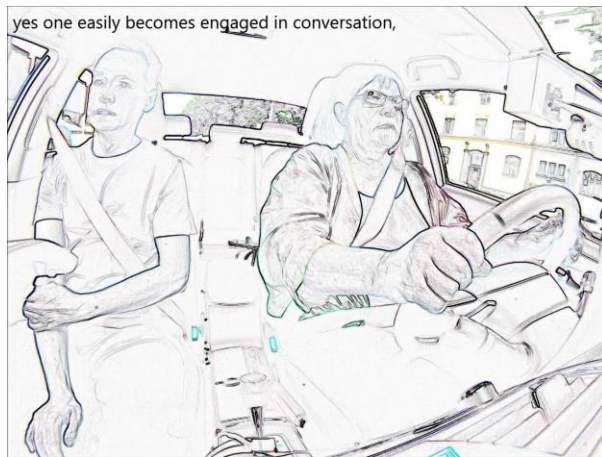
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Starting points

- Data: Voluntary post-licence training for older car drivers (women aged 59–70 years)
Collected by Prof. Heikki Summala and team at Traffic Research Unit,
University of Helsinki, Finland
Audio-video recordings from inside an instrumented car
- Methods: Conversation analysis, ethnomethodology and interactional linguistics
- Research themes:
 - Ageing and interaction
 - Older drivers' use of car technology
 - Learning at an older age

Findings

- Displays of (in)experience and (in)competence
- Vocal, bodily, material and spatial resources
- Instructions and responses to instructions



Lessons learnt

- Ageing in interaction?
- Contribution to research on language and social interaction
- Complementary to other research approaches

Plans

Continuing to explore themes and data from project *Back behind the wheel*

e.g. instructions, time and space, movement and mobility

Beginning to collect data for project *HANS – Human activity in natural settings*

e.g. socialization into nature-related activities, interaction between generations