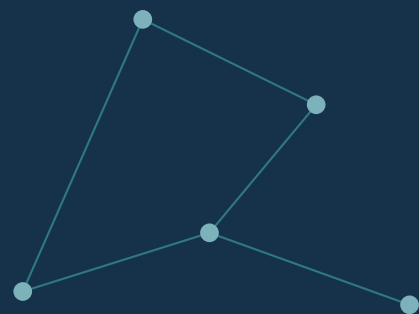


Clinical Pragmatics and the Cognitive Sciences

Language, Mind, and Communication Across the Lifespan

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Clinical evidence as a source of theory

The volume brings clinical pragmatics into dialogue with philosophy of language, linguistics, psychology, neuropsychology, neuroscience, speech-language pathology, and the wider cognitive sciences. It covers all ages and welcomes both clinically oriented studies and theoretically ambitious contributions.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST

Detailed pragmatic-linguistic profiles or phenomena used to formulate broader proposals about language, meaning, cognition, or interaction.

THE VOLUME WELCOMES

DESCRIPTIVE

profiles and phenomena

EXPERIMENTAL

mechanisms and evidence

THEORETICAL

language and meaning

CLINICAL

assessment and intervention

Topics of interest

Populations across the lifespan

- Autism, ADHD, developmental language disorder, intellectual disability, and social pragmatic communication disorder.
- Fragile X, Down, Williams, 22q11.2 deletion, Tourette, cerebral palsy, and rare syndromes.
- Schizophrenia, psychosis, trauma, mental health, forensic, prison, and underserved populations.

Neurological and sensory conditions

- Aphasia, right-hemisphere damage, traumatic brain injury, and childhood brain tumour.
- Parkinson disease, dementias, ALS, Huntington disease, multiple sclerosis, and ageing.
- Hearing or visual loss, AAC, and caregiver or partner-supported communication.

Phenomena and cognitive foundations

- Inference, speech acts, implicature, presupposition, reference, relevance, figurative language, narrative, and conversation.
- Prosody, gesture, gaze, facial expression, multimodality, repair, and compensation.
- Theory of mind, social cognition, emotion, executive functions, attention, memory, and neuropragmatics.

Theory, methods, and applications

- Meaning, context, intentionality, embodiment, enaction, phenomenology, normativity, and socially distributed interaction.
- Assessment, diagnostic markers, ecological validity, intervention, rehabilitation, and partner training.
- Reviews, cross-linguistic studies, corpora, computational modelling, digital methods, and AI.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Original empirical studies | qualitative and mixed-method research | pragmatic profiles and case studies | conversation, discourse, narrative, and multimodal analyses | philosophy of language and theoretical papers | systematic, scoping, or narrative reviews | meta-analyses | assessment, intervention, and methodological studies

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