6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
DISCOURSE, CULTURE & INTERACTION (DCI-6)
November 23-25, 2026
The University of Queensland

DAY 1

8:00-8:45	**Registration** *Building 32, level 2, next to room 207*
8:45-9:00	**Conference opening** *BUILDING 32-207*
	SESSION 1: RELATING ACROSS CONTEXTS AND TIME CHAIR: DANIE WANG
9:00-9:30	**Relating in language exchange interactions: Visualising interpersonal relationship development across repeated interactions** Chilmeg Elden *The University of Queensland, Australia*
09:30-10:00	**"This is beyond inappropriate… Goodbye": Moral agency and offence-taking in early conversational closings initiated by AI companions** Andrea Rodriguez *The University of Queensland, Australia*
10:00-10:30	**Doing hospitality: A comparative study of three small hospitality establishments in Western Japan** Todd Allen *Kansai University, Japan*
10:30-11:00	**Break**
	SESSION 2: WORK-IN-PROGRESS – CULTURE, NARRATIVE AND IDEOLOGY CHAIR: NAMITA ANNIE JOHN
11:00-11:20	**Authenticity ideologies and rhetorics of resistance in the Catalan independence movement** David Cortes Ferrandez *Washington University in St. Louis, USA*
11:20-11:40	**Offensiveness beyond words: The role of pragmatic context in Modern Greek taboo and offensive language** Chrisa Kazitori, George J. Xydopoulos *University of Patras, Greece*
11:40-12:00	**Community, connection, and sustainability: A qualitative study of local narratives in a remote Japanese island village** Xixi (Sissi) Zhang *The University of Osaka, Japan*
12:00-12:20	**Semiotization, commodification, and identity construction: Chinese characters and Chineseness on T-shirts sold via e-commerce** Qiyue Zong *Tsinghua University, China*
12:20-2:00	**Lunch break**
	SESSION 3: DIGITAL DISCOURSE CHAIR: ANDREA RODRIGUEZ
2:00-2:30	**Constructing institutional identity through multimodal digital discourse: A case study on Sydney Opera House** Noemi Eleonora Maria Grasso *Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy*
2:30-3:00	**Voices in the comment field: Expressing stance and negotiating authority on Instagram COVID-19 news posts** Angelicia Thane *Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington & Massey University, New Zealand*
3:00-3:30	**Ideological tensions in the discursive construction of sex workers: A critical discourse analysis of YouTube audience responses to BBC Africa Eye sex work documentaries** Richmond Ngula *University of Botswana, Botswana*
3:30-4:00	**Constructing China's climate image in digital spaces: A corpus-assisted discourse analysis of YouTube commentaries** Yun Wang, Yu Shan, Dechao Li *Central South University, China & Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China*

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SESSION 4: FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS CHAIR: CHILMEG ELDEN	
10:00-10:30	Categories and category relations in parent–young child pedagogical sequences Danie Wang *The University of Queensland, Australia*
10:30-11:00	"What if Grandma can't watch TV": Negotiating relational expectations in Chinese-speaking families Zhiyi Liu *The University of Queensland, Australia*
11:00-11:30	Speaking on behalf of: Insights into the micropolitics of intimacy in adult sibling talk Andrea Rodriguez, Ling Zhao *The University of Queensland, Australia*
11:30-1:00	Lunch break
SESSION 5: WORK-IN-PROGRESS – PRAGMATICS OF SOCIAL ACTION CHAIR: VALERIA SINKEVICIUTE	
1:00-1:20	A comparative study of suggestions in Australian English and Mandarin Chinese Tianzhe Jiao, Lucy Li *University of Tasmania, Australia*
1:20-1:40	Myanmar verbal communication styles in Australia Grace Thida *Western Sydney University, Australia*
1:40-2:00	"So that was pretty bad": The co-construction of troubles-telling in telephone conversation Yixuan Zou *The University of Queensland, Australia*
2:00-2:20	Co-constructing advice sequences in father–daughter telephone interactions Namita Annie John *The University of Queensland, Australia*
2:20-3:00	Break
SESSION 6: LANGUAGE USE IN MULTILINGUAL CONTEXTS CHAIR: LING ZHAO	
3:00-3:30	Who is accommodating whom? Interactional agency and responsibility in bi- & multilingual dementia contexts Carolin Schneider Ward *Monash University, Australia*
3:30-4:00	Interpreter-mediated medical consultations over the phone: The accuracy of interpretations and effectiveness of remote communication Lily Jihong Wang *The University of Queensland, Australia*
4:00-4:30	Linguistic citizenship in a multilingual workplace: Exploring acts of relationality and a politics of enactment Kristina Tobias *Stellenbosch University, South Africa*

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SESSION 7: PRAGMATIC MEANING AND COMPETENCE CHAIR: ZHIYI LIU	
10:00-10:30	When "thank you" does not mean thanks: Ostensible thanking (xiè) as an interactional practice in Chinese digital communication Minchen Gao *The University of Queensland, Australia*
10:30-11:00	Beyond grammar and vocabulary: Enhancing pragmatic competence through explicit instruction of Chinese requests Lucy Li *University of Tasmania, Australia*
11:00-11:30	Face, dialogic feedback, and pragmatic competence: An im/politeness analysis of reviewer–author negotiation Fuhui Zhang, Yuhuan Zhao *Northeast Normal University, China & Hebei Normal University, China*
11:30-1:00	Lunch break
SESSION 8: WORK-IN-PROGRESS – INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS CHAIR: YIXUAN ZOU	
1:00-1:20	Exploring teachers' and students' perceptions of the role of captions and subtitles in language learning and cultural knowledge Mingyang Cai, Sarah Prestridge, Danielle Heinrichs Henry *Griffith University, Australia*
1:20-1:40	"It's 100% fatal at that point": Constructing (un)certainty in a pre-travel health consultation Shiori Tsuda *The University of Queensland, Australia*
1:40-2:00	Coulda, woulda, shoulda: Modality, meaning, and misinterpretation in multilingual classrooms Sermin Erden *TAFE, Australia*
2:00-2:20	"I don't have a massive point here but…": Formulating audience contributions in Q&A sessions at English-medium academic conferences Sutian Yuan *The University of Auckland, New Zealand*
2:20-3:00	Break
KEYNOTE CHAIR: VALERIA SINKEVICIUTE *BUILDING 32-215*	
3:00-4:15	Relationalising responses: The use of sister(s) in multi-party interaction Assoc. Prof Lili Gong *Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, China*
4:15-4:30	Conference closing
4:30-	Social gathering on campus at *St Lucy's* (drinks/dinner)





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