

Forskningsseminarium

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kl 10.15-12 (i Comenius, Key-huset, med även via Zoom)

Research Seminar

Wednesday 2 March 2022

10.15 am - 12 noon (in Comenius, Key Building, but also via Zoom)

Constructing agency in interview interactions: Encounters of Finnish speakers with different linguistic resources

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The presentation discusses participation in Finnish-language conversation where both interlocutors cannot use their own mother tongue. The analysis examines video-recorded interviews of four informants, each with a different command of Finnish. The participants describe their language use with an interlocutor who has either a weaker or stronger knowledge of Finnish, and the embodied communication intertwined with the descriptions is also analyzed. In the presentation, I will focus on two of the informants: the other one has Finnish as his strongest language, the other one has started to learn Finnish ca. three years ago. They speak with a different interviewer. The aim of the study is to gain a deeper understanding of agency in the described encounters where linguistic asymmetries are noticeable. The research sheds light on how descriptions of language use are constructed in interview interactions when they are studied in detail.