

THE CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF PRAGMATICS

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The *Cambridge Handbook of Pragmatics* adopts a broad definition of pragmatics, presenting the main orientations in pragmatic research worldwide, incorporating seminal research as well as cutting-edge state-of-the-art solutions. In addition to the well-established post-Gricean philosophical accounts of intention and inference in communication, it includes lexical pragmatics, historical pragmatics, sociopragmatics, the pragmatics of utterance processing, and empirical approaches in pragmatic research. Against these perspectives, there is a section on applications of pragmatics to various types of expressions and phenomena which are of particular importance. The *Cambridge Handbook of Pragmatics* aims to offer unbiased and accessible introductions that present the many different points of view to be found in the current literature.

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Introduction: Pragmatic objects and pragmatic methods

Section I Problems and Theories

This section introduces the reader to the main problems of pragmatic analysis and offers different points of view on the study of conversation, context, intentions, inference, and speaker-hearer interaction. It deliberately avoids headings such as ‘Paul Grice’, ‘Post-Gricean pragmatics’, or ‘Speech Act Theory’, interweaving instead introductions to various seminal approaches in the presentation of the pragmatic problem. The objective is to present the problems from different points of view, leaving the judgment and choice of framework open to the reader.

- Chapter 0 Research paradigms in pragmatics
- Chapter 1 Inferring and implying
- Chapter 2 Speaker intentions and intentionality
- Chapter 3 Implicit vs explicit content
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- Chapter 10 Pragmatics in the lexicon
- Chapter 11 Conversational interaction
- Chapter 12 Empirical methods in pragmatics from different points of view

Section II Phenomena and Applications

In this section we offer a sample of applications of pragmatic approaches such as the analysis of the use of sentential connectives, negation, pragmatic binding and presupposition, referring (in intensional and extensional contexts), temporal and spatial reference, metaphor, irony, and stylistic effects.

- Chapter 13 Referring in discourse
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- Chapter 19 Temporal reference in discourse
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- Chapter 21 Metaphor and the literal-nonliteral distinction
- Chapter 22 Connotation as a pragmatic phenomenon

Section III Interfaces and the Delimitation of Pragmatics

Arguably the most important interfaces that pragmatics enters into are those with syntax, semantics, sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, phonetics, and anthropology. They are all introduced and discussed in this section.

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- Chapter 30 Politeness and pragmatics