

TGIF: The NTU Linguist Chatroom

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Speaker

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Quantities and Questions : Gestures in the Kagate corpus

The view that language mediates the world of emotion has been empirically validated. In this talk, I give an introduction to the corpus of Kagate language that is currently being developed. I pay particular attention to the gestural content of these videos. I give an outline of the kinds of questions one may wish to answer with a corpus of this nature, and give an overview of the current quantitative analysis of the gestural data. I also give a more detailed qualitative analysis of two sets of gestures that appear in different contexts but appear to be related; a gesture type used when talking about non-existent quantities (nothing, nobody) and a gesture type used for questions. I argue for the relatedness of these two discourse gestures, and look at the function of examples collected in the corpus.

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