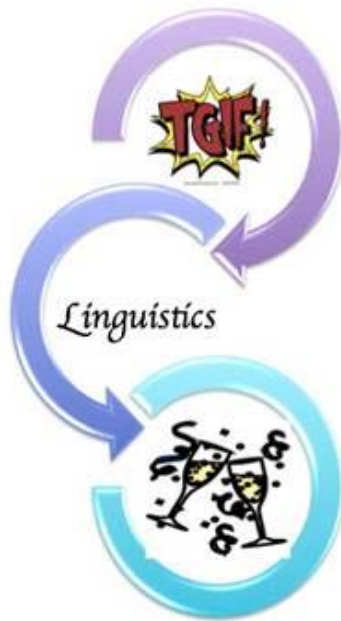


TGIF: The NTU Linguist Chatroom

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Thursday 10 September 2015, 2.30pm
@ HSS Conference Room (HSS-05-57)



Speaker

K.K. Luke is Professor of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies at Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Professor Luke's research is in the area of talk and social interaction, using an Ethnomethodological and Conversation Analytic approach. His work focuses on the interface between language, cognition and communication, and is driven by an interest in what makes meaning and communication possible. How are intersubjective understandings achieved in interaction, and what role do linguistic and multi-modal behaviours play in this process? Among Professor Luke's publications are *Utterance Particles in Cantonese Conversation*, *Telephone Calls: Unity and Diversity in the Structure of Telephone Conversations across Languages and Cultures*, and a special issue on 'Turn-continuation in conversation' for *Discourse Processes*.

On National, Racial, and Cultural Categories in Singapore: An Ethnomethodological Analysis

Previous work on 'membership categorization' (Sacks 1992) has found that identity categories are regularly used by participants-in-interaction for sense-making and for achieving interactional goals. Of interest is not the categories themselves but "what people *do* with categorical ascriptions" (Edwards 1998: 31). In this talk, I will present some instances of face-to-face interaction where national, racial, and cultural identities (like 'Chinese' and 'Angmoh') are used in a variety of situations in Singapore. I will examine the logic behind the use of these categories, and explore the moment-to-moment workings of minds as members pursue and produce intersubjective understandings.

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