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From noticings to extended sequences: exploring joint visual attention with mobile eye tracking

Abstract

Gaze practices are a ubiquitous phenomenon in face-to-face encounters (Goffman 1963) and are deployed for various purposes in co-present social interaction (Kendon 1967, 1990; Goodwin 1980, Rossano 2012; Streeck 2002, 2014). Some of these practices such as e.g. self- and other-monitoring, gaze pointing and gaze following play a crucial role in the sequential and temporal organization of multimodally referring to and mutually attending to phenomena in the participants' visible surroundings (Stukenbrock 2015, in press a, b). In my paper, I explore the gaze practices used by participants in concert with verbal and other embodied resources to share visual attention on visible phenomena in their surroundings. The data consist of mobile eye tracking recordings of participants in three different activities: 1. shopping together on a market, 2. searching for a book in a library, 3. building a piece of furniture together. The analysis will focus on the market data. In this contextually rich and dense environment, joint visual attention emerges as an interactional achievement of mobile participants in a world abounding with fleeting phenomena that may be noticed, pointed out, gestured at and shared, or left passing by.