

Conversational Analysis of Five Pakistani Talk Shows



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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to explore the different behaviors of the participants regarding turn taking strategies and turn allocation in different talk shows. In the course of conversation analysis, the researcher examines hosts and guests' transaction of turn taking in these talk shows. Allocation of turns and the study of interruptions are part of this research. There are number of talk shows conducted by different hosts. This research analyzes the talk of five Pakistani talk shows of different channels. The selected shows are 'Aesay nhi chalay ga' (Ptv), 'Capital talk' (Geo), 'News eye' (Dawn), 'Kal tak' (express), 'Off the record' (Ary). The selected shows are evening talk shows starting at 8:00 pm. The topic of all the selected talk shows is 'target killing in Karachi (Media workers killed' 9th September, 2015). The data was collected from aforementioned talk shows. The study shows that turn taking occurs in conversation of these talk shows. However, many times, the rules of conversation are not obeyed by participants. The mechanism does not occur in an orderly fashion. There are some violations in turn taking such as overlapping and interruption. This research focuses on the conversational analysis of turn taking mechanism in the aforementioned talk shows. The analysis of turn taking mechanism consists of yielding the floor, holding the floor, taking the floor and turn allocation procedures. The research explains the types and causes of turn taking mechanism, which are mostly used in Pakistani talk shows and elaborates the cause of turn taking that occurs in conversation in these talk shows.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Chapter Overview

This chapter gives us a clear picture of the research. First section unfolds with an introduction of the topic with conversational analysis of five different Pakistani talk shows. The second section draws on the purpose of the study. The Third section explains the implication of the study. The fourth section explains the objective of the study. The fifth section explains the statement of the problem. Second to the last section presents underlying research questions. The last section summarizes the whole chapter.

1.2 Introduction

In daily life, human beings as social creature need a medium to communicate with each other. Every medium has its own vocabulary to communicate with each other. For instance, television has its own language that is both verbal and written as well. Images and sounds are also part of television language (Buckingham & David, 2003). Language is an important phenomenon in human life. Not only verbal communication but also sign language and often gestures by humans are used to communicate at certain moments (Yule, 2006, p. 178). Verbal language includes words, sentences, and phrases.