

TURN-TAKING AND BACKCHANNELS

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ABSTRACT

The activity of conversational turn-taking involves participation of the speaker and the auditor as well. When a person speaks the auditor does not remain mute and motionless as the he indicates active participation in the talk at hand through verbal and non-verbal means called backchannels. These backchannels occur simultaneously, sometimes overlapping the ongoing speaker's turn. This backchanneling is important in monitoring the quality of conversation as backchannels are non-interruptive, non-floor taking verbal and non-verbal responses produced intentionally to enhance the quality of the ongoing speaker's turns.

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