

Throughout the session, participants raised questions and contributed to the webinar through a text-based Q&A feature. These interactions are shown below. Participants' initials are used, except for:

Dr James Hawkey, presenter of the session

Prof. Angeline Barrett, Deputy Director of South West DTP

### **Question**

DR: This was great - thank you! Just a quick one: it seems that there is **a lot** to discuss with CDA (as proven in the examples we discussed today). When you use CDA, do you have a bit of fear of missing out on some key aspects? Similarly, do you have any recommended articles for looking at best practise/application?

### **Response**

Angeline Barrett: It's important to recognise this is an introductory session and there are different approaches and sets of tools that have been created for CDA - plenty to explore. There's been some excellent recommendations for articles in this Q&A in addition to the references in Anna & James' slides.

LC: I think you don't have to do everything, eg in my work I focus on intertextuality - how texts make use of other texts.

### **Question**

JM: would love some references on decolonial uses of CDA/work that centres POC and or trans people

### **Response**

James Hawkey: Southernizing Sociolinguistics: Colonialism, Racism, Patriarchy in Language in the Global South (ed. Bassey E Antia and Sinfree Makoni)

A Sociolinguistics of the South (ed. Heugh, Stroud, Taylor-Leech, De Costa)

LC: I also relied heavily on Fairclough, N. (2003) Analysing Discourse: Textual analysis for social research. London: Routledge. which is for social scientists without a linguistic background.

### **Question**

KS: I can see that CDA can be very useful in analysing policy documents and narratives of policymakers, but I'm wondering if it's necessary to use CDA for analysing narratives of those with less or no political power, such as farmers and students?

### **Response**

James Hawkey: I definitely think it's useful for analysing power differentials - that includes why people are denied power.

SD: I'm no expert, but I wonder if, as CDA, you could use FDA for this, given Foucault's focus on power relations?!

Angeline Barrett: the fact that you are calling them 'narratives' implies you an narrative inquiry perspective. But do be aware that there are power differentials even between people of the same social class - feminists would be the first to point this out.

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### **Comment**

LC: I found both Machin & Mayr and Wodak & Meyer to be SUPER useful in figuring out what to actually DO. Also recommend Cameron, D. and Panović, I. (2014) *Working with Written Discourse*. London: Sage Publications

### **Comment**

BM: I've been getting on quite well with LancsBox X for as a corpus tool as well which is free

### **Question**

HC: It could be a bit theoretical question but it'd be appreciated if you could answer even briefly. My research views from poststructuralism, and my supervisor said CDA doesn't align with it very well. I'm confused. How do you think?

### **Response**

ME: Good question, I was going to ask if CDA is a social constructionist epistemology

James Hawkey: This is probably outside of my skillset, but this chapter looks good, as a response to these issues: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/cambridge-handbook-of-discourse-studies/poststructuralist-discourse-studies-from-structure-to-practice/ECDB555944B787153084E61FA77B5EEC>

SL: I am doing something similar @Hazel - I've been looking at Foucauldian discourse analysis as an alternative

V: There is a paper by Judith Baxter on Feminist Post-Structuralist Discourse Analysis which seemed interesting. But my supervisors also said to err on the side of caution with post-structuralism in my research, but it may be useful for you?

[https://publications.aston.ac.uk/id/eprint/7367/1/Feminist\\_Post.pdf](https://publications.aston.ac.uk/id/eprint/7367/1/Feminist_Post.pdf)

Angeline Barrett: This is where it is useful to differentiate between the different approaches to CDA. Fairclough, Wodak and Dijk are quite different and so you need to seek out the approach to CDA (the key author) that aligns with your research philosophy.

### **Question**

DD: Do we consider the instrument of discourse (printed newspaper, social media, official documents, websites, substack, etc.) as part of the CDA as well?

### **Reponse**

LC: In my research, I do CDA of legal judgments and the nature of the instrument is a crucial aspect of the analysis.

DD: Agree 100%, Lucy!

James Hawkey: Definitely, we can factor in the medium and what the material consequences are of this.

### **Question**

ME: I am still trying to understand how this works, For example, if it is relational, if someone uses a document to position a member of staff, (as a form of power) would we need another tool to support Fairclough as I can't see the action/interaction. o.O?

### **Response**

James Hawkey: I think this will become clearer as we undertake it over the next half hour

Angeline Barrett: one method to look for relations is through intertextuality - how does a text reference other texts. That's just one 'tool' - there are others.

But it is interesting to observe how some comments are drawing on their contextual knowledge of the Welsh election campaigns in their critical analysis of the text.

### **Question**

FN: Hi there, what about the difference between CDA and Narrative Analysis? Is the latter a form of CDA? Thanks :)

### **Response**

James Hawkey: Briefly, I would say that narrative analysis does not focus so heavily on the relational, dialectic element. In my mind, it's more clearly associated with single stories rather than linking things with the wider context, as it were

Angeline Barrett: The term Narrative analysis is sometimes used for a method for analysing text or speech - through looking forward and observing the structure of story. However, it is usually used as part of narrative inquiry which is about making sense of reality through co-construction of stories with participants. It is an interpretivist and creative research approach.

### **Comment**

BM: Authors named without a date on this slide if it helps others:

Wodak and Reisigl for DHA - There is a SAGE intro to Methods in CDA book which has chapters from Wodak, Fairclough etc.