



Procedural Meaning: Problems and Perspectives

Current Research in the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface, Volume 25

Volume Editors: Victoria Escandell-Vidal, Manuel Leonetti and Aoife Ahern

Series Editors: Klaus von Heusinger and Ken Turner

ISBN: 9780857240934

ISSN: 1472-7870

Pub date: 26 July 2011

Format: Hardback

Pricing: GBP £82.95/EUR €121.95/USD \$154.95

Synopsis

Although the notion of procedural meaning is found in areas such as discourse markers, reference, tense, modality and intonation, until now there has been no single volume entirely devoted to it. Over a period of 25 years, since the initial proposal by Blakemore, a number of refinements have been suggested, yet some criticisms have also been raised. The role and status of the conceptual/procedural distinction within a theory of human communication and the nature of procedural encoding were in need of reassessment in the light of current research in linguistic theory, cognitive science, experimental pragmatics and language acquisition. The papers collected here serve this general purpose from different standpoints. Some of

them consider the topic from the angle of its theoretical foundations and put forth original proposals aimed at clarifying the most controversial issues. Others take a more data-driven orientation and offer novel analyses, illustrating how encoded instructions work and how much can be gained from approaching certain linguistic phenomena in procedural terms. The contributions in this volume represent an inflection point in the delimitation and understanding of the notion of procedural meaning and open new paths for future research.



Research you can use

Table of Contents

Acknowledgements

Contributors List

Introduction: Procedural Meaning

PART I THE NATURE OF PROCEDURAL MEANING

1 The Conceptual-Procedural Distinction: Past, Present and Future

Deirdre Wilson

2 On the Status of Procedural Meaning in Natural Language

Carmen Curc6

3 On Some Methodological Issues in the Conceptual/Procedural Distinction

Louis de Saussure

4 On the Rigidity of Procedural Meaning

Victoria Escandell-Vidal and Manuel Leonetti

5 Exploring the Borderline between Procedural Encoding and Pragmatic Interface

Christopher Unger

PART II REFERENCE

6 Description as Indication: The Use of Conceptual Meaning for a Procedural Purpose

Thorstein Fretheim

7 Definiteness, Procedural Encoding and the Limits of Accommodation

Christopher Lucas

8 Beyond Reference: Concepts, Procedures and Referring Expressions

Kate Scott

9 Child Language, Theory of Mind, and the Role of Procedural Markers in Identifying Referents of Nominal Expressions

Jeanette K. Gundel

PART III TENSE AND MODALITY

10 Cross-Linguistic Variation in Procedural Expressions: Semantics and Pragmatics

Jos6 Amen6s-Pons

11 Assertion, Relevance and the Declarative Mood

Mark Jary

PART IV DISCOURSE MARKERS

12 The Procedure of Marking Contrast with Alternatives: A Constraint in the Derivation of Higher Level Explicatures

Susana Olmos, Laura Innocenti and John Saeed

13 A Procedural Analysis of *kadhalik* in Modern Standard Arabic: Demonstrative or Discourse Marker?

Mai Zaki

PART V PROSODY

14 Sentence Stress and the Procedures of Comprehension

Daniel J. Sax

15 Procedural Encoding and Tone Choice in Buenos Aires Spanish

Leopoldo O. Labastfa

To request an inspection copy for adoption please e-mail adoptionrequests@emeraldinsight.com

 **Emerald Bookstore**

To order online, visit our new bookstore at <http://books.emeraldinsight.com>

To arrange a standing order for this series, please e-mail your order to books@emeraldinsight.com

For all other orders, please contact **Emerald at Turpin Distribution Services**:

UK & Rest of World Customer Services

Pegasus Drive, Stratton Business Park, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire SG18 8TQ, UK

Tel: +44 (0) 1767 604951

Fax: +44 (0) 1767 601640

E-mail: custserv@turpin-distribution.com

Americas Customer Services

The Bleachery, 143 West Street, New Milford, Connecticut, CT 06776, USA

Tel: +1 860 350 0041

Fax: +1 860 350 0039

E-mail: turpinna@turpin-distribution.com