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Perception and Processing of Address Terms

Message from the Guest Editors

In many languages, speakers have a choice between a formal and an informal form when addressing others. The choice between these forms, labelled V- and T-pronouns from Latin *vos* and *tu* by Brown and Gilman (1960), varies across languages and situations, and changes over time (Plevoets et al. 2008; Vismans 2019; Aalberse 2009). It depends on several factors such as age, gender, education level, religion, social distance, individual preferences, etc. (cf. Norrby and Warren 2012 for an overview of address research). Because address choices reflect social structures and cultural values, much research has been devoted to the sociolinguistic study of address choice. Less research has been done on how the use of a formal or informal form is processed by those addressed. It is generally believed that people who are addressed with a pronoun they perceive as inappropriate in a given context may feel uncomfortable or even offended... Prof. Dr. Helen De Hoop
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