Record Nr. UNINA9910807000803321 Autore Thornborrow Joanna <1957-> Titolo Power talk: language and interaction in institutional discourse // Joanna Thornborrow Pubbl/distr/stampa London:,:Routledge,,2016 **ISBN** 1-138-15225-0 1-315-83917-2 1-317-87907-4 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (157 pages) Collana Real language series Disciplina 306.4/4 Soggetti Business communication Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali First published 2002 by Pearson Education limited. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto 1. Power, talk and institutional discourse: some key concepts -- 2. Perspectives on power: approaches to the critical analysis of language and interaction -- 3. Institutional discourse as asymmetrical talk: power and orderly interaction in a police interview -- 4. Questions and control: managing talk in a radio phone-in -- 5. Resources for control : discursive strategies in media interviews -- 6. Participation and control: the organisation of classroom discussion talk -- 7. Power and institutional interaction: some conclusions. Sommario/riassunto The concept of social power, who holds it and how they use it is a widely debated subject particularly in the field of discourse analysis, and the wider arena of sociolinguistics. In her new book, Joanna Thornborrow challenges the received notion that power is necessarily held by some speakers and not by others. Through the detailed analysis of communication and interaction within a range of institutional settings, she examines power as an emerging, negotiated phenomenon between participants with different status and goals. Written in a clear style which combines attention to technical detail with accessibility, Power Talk includes: a comprehensive introduction to the theme of power including the analytic approaches to power in language a wide-ranging discussion of theory and practice and, in-depth

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