

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9911009341603321
Autore	Geluykens Ronald
Titolo	Changing the Topic: An Interactional Linguistics Analysis of Topic Flow in English Conversation // by Ronald Geluykens
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Cham : , : Springer Nature Switzerland : , : Imprint : Springer, , 2025
ISBN	3-031-86912-5
Edizione	[1st ed. 2025.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (559 pages)
Collana	Corpus Linguistics and Pragmatics, , 3004-9431
Disciplina	401.45
Soggetti	Pragmatics Grammar, Comparative and general - Syntax Language and languages - Study and teaching Syntax Language Teaching and Learning Comunicació oral Pragmàtica (Lingüística) Anàlisi del discurs Lingüística aplicada Competència comunicativa Llibres electrònics
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di contenuto	Chapter 1: Theoretical Background -- Chapter 2: From Theory to Practice -- Chapter 3: Yes/No Questions as Topic Proposing Strategies -- Chapter 4: WH-Questions as Topic Proposing Strategies -- Chapter 5: Topic-Eliciting Strategies -- Chapter 6: Successful Topic Negotiation -- Chapter 7: Trouble Spots and Abortive Topic Introductions -- Chapter 8: Action-Oriented Topic Introductions -- Chapter 9: Conclusion -- References.
Sommario/riassunto	This book presents an in-depth analysis of how discourse topics are introduced, maintained, and closed in British English conversation. It highlights the crucial role of real-time negotiation and turn-taking in ensuring cohesive topic flow. Using an inductive, bottom-up approach, the book explores topicality through an operational definition

grounded in the traditional Discourse Analysis (DA) concept of given versus new information. This operational framework is used to identify potential topic shifts and is complemented by a detailed micro-analysis of interactional sequences. Inspired by Conversation Analysis (CA), it investigates how topics are negotiated, trouble spots are resolved, and cohesion is collaboratively achieved. The combination of DA and CA methodology, combined with its attention to the linguistic resources employed by participants, explores an exciting new area of Interactional Linguistics. The book offers future avenues for potential contrastive studies on topic flow which take into account regional, social, typological, stylistic, and diachronic variation. It is of interest to researchers working in the fields of information flow, conversational interaction, and functional linguistics in general. Its theoretical apparatus contributes to a clearer understanding of the elusive notion of topicality.
