

CDA Journal Survey

This survey provides an overview of journals that publish work in discourse and critical discourse analysis. The short list is followed by an annotated bibliography of the journals. This survey was completed during a semester-long independent study of CDA, with an eye toward identifying publishing outlets for future work (and with an emphasis on accessibility from my home institution). As such, it is neither exhaustive nor definitive. Please address any additions, comments, or corrections to Chalet Seidel at chalet.seidel@case.edu

Short List

The following journals publish analysis defined as CDA, as well as discussion about CDA methodology and theoretical orientation

- Critical Discourse Studies
- Discourse Analysis online
- Discourse and Society
- Discourse Studies
- Journal of Pragmatics
- Journal of Sociolinguistics

The following journals publish work in discourse analysis, but do not seem to support work identified as CDA

- *Language (see description below)
- Discourse Processes
- Language in Society
- Research on Language and Social Interaction
- *Theory and Psychology (see description below)

The following journals publish topic specific analysis, including those using discourse and critical discourse analytic methods

- (The) Modern Language Journal
- Information, Communication & Society
- Journal of Language and Politics
- Written Communication

The following journal contains some discussion of CDA methods and theory, but does not publish work using CDA

- Language and Communication

Annotated Bibliography of Journals

Critical Discourse Studies

This broadly inter-disciplinary journal studies discourse in social processes, social structures, and social change. Editors include Norman Fairclough and Ruth Wodak. Articles draw on disciplines as diverse as anthropology, management studies, legal studies, philosophy and education. Based on a sample volume (1.2) available online, journal appears to not only apply CDA to analysis of events and texts but also to examine CDA itself in terms of its assumptions and merits as an analytical tool. For example, the article “Critical Discourse Analysis and Identity: Why Bother?” compared CDA with cultural studies approaches to the study of identity in order to highlight the benefits of CDA. A “Debates” column in the same issue defined the “critical” in CDA in response to criticism of CDA’s claim to both a scientific and critical mode of inquiry.

Discourse Analysis online

Peer reviewed interactive online journal for DA and CDA research started in 2002. Norman Fairclough, Gunther Kress, and Sara Mills are members of its editorial advisory group. The most recent issue includes a critical examination of third wave vs second wave feminist linguistic analysis (difference vs. performativity approaches). The really interesting thing about this journal is that articles are published online and, for a limited time, readers can participate in a moderated debate about the article, the content of which is then published with the article. The Mills article was accompanied by a short strand assessing the article’s adherence to the aims and scope of the journal itself and its contribution to knowledge and/or practice. The format also allows contributors to include text, audio, still and audio, and hypertext links in their articles. The number of articles thus far is slight, but the approach is exciting and could prove productive.

Discourse and Society

Edited by Teun van Dijk, this journal was conceived as an international forum for research exploring the nexus of discourse (text and talk), society, and cognition. Contributions include application of CDA methodology as well as discussion about CDA methodology and theory (a particularly illuminating example is Fairclough’s 1993 survey of the 20 articles published in D&S to that point, in which he criticizes the lack of close textual and intertextual analysis). A survey of the journal suggests that D&S publishes consistently rigorous, interesting, multi-disciplinary work that falls at all points along the spectrum of close textual analysis to macro considerations of language use.

Discourse Studies

“Multidisciplinary journal for the study of text and talk.” Disciplinary approaches include sociolinguistic, discourse analytic, and social- and cognitive-psychological approaches to extended examples of situated text and talk. For example, recent articles have included

- examinations of turn-taking and closings in contexts from talk show interviews to Dr.’s visits;
- the impact of peer interaction on second language development in children (special issue on Peer Talk and Pragmatic Development);
- performativity in Dr.-patient interactions
- orders of discourse in popularization of science

This journal includes not only application of CDA methodology (including both Fairclough and van Dijk’s approaches), but meta-discussion about CDA as an analytic tool (see R. De Beaugrande, “Discourse Studies and the Ideology of ‘Liberalism,’” 1:3 and M. Stubbe et. al, “Multiple Discourse Analysis of a Workplace Interaction,” 5.3).

Discourse Processes

This journal seems to be doing similar work to that of *Theory and Psychology* (see below), but from the opposite end of the spectrum. Whereas T&H applies discourse analytic approaches to the study of psychology (theory and practice), DP applies psychological approaches to the study of discourse production and comprehension. However, the crucial difference is that T&H’s approach is overtly “theoretical,” even drawing on critical and cultural theory, while DP’s approach is more technical/quantitative, emphasizing cognitive psychological approaches.

Information, Communication & Society

This inter-disciplinary journal publishes topic specific work related to the development and application of information and communication technologies. Contributions are drawn from the social sciences, gender and cultural studies, communication and media studies, information and computer science.

Journal of Language and Politics

Co-edited by Ruth Wodak and Paul Chilton, this journal gathers critical, psycho-, and socio-linguistic; rhetorical; ethnomethodological; and discourse analytic approaches to political texts

Journal of Pragmatics

This linguistics journal includes DA studies and both CDA studies and meta-analysis of CDA methods. A particularly lively example is the series of articles beginning with J. Flowerdew’s, “Reproduction, resistance and joint-production of language power: A Hong Kong case study” (27), followed by H. Trywhitt-Drake’s critique of that article and the methodology of CDA itself, “Resisting the discourse of critical discourse analysis: Reopening a Hong Kong case study” (31.8), followed by Flowerdew’s response (31.8).

Journal of Sociolinguistics

Contributions to this journal represent the wide range of sociolinguistic research. Among those using DA and CDA approaches are analysis of texts including in-flight magazines, *Cosmopolitan*, and transcripts of ethnographic interviews with lesbians. Most applications also consider meta-considerations of the theories informing both sociolinguistic and CDA study. For example, B. Moonwomon-Baird outlines a method for studying intratextuality in CDA. This method is demonstrated with a 4-part analysis of an ethnographic study of a lesbian woman's narration of her life story as a "complexly queered identity" in a discourse style drawn from 12-step recovery programs (4.3). While studies like this one are interesting applications of CDA and contribute to CDA methodology, the journal lacks the fully articulated critiques of CDA and comparative studies of CDA with other analytic approaches which are found in journals like *Discourse and Society*.

Language

Journal of the Linguistic Society of America. DA is only included in the form of book reviews. CDA is not included at all. The reviews are helpful in contextualizing DA within linguistics.

Language and Communication

This is a broad spectrum interdisciplinary journal concerned with furthering "our understanding of communication." There are no applications of DA and CDA, but some discussions of CDA theories and methodologies, including Hammersley's critique of CDA's theoretical foundations (17.3).

Language in Society

This sociolinguistic journal emphasizes a highly empirical, micro-analysis of discourse. One article argues that a more socio-historic linguistic approach—one grounded in a clearly articulate theory of social practice—would increase CDA's credibility for empirically grounded linguistic researchers (J. Scheuer, "Habitus as the principle for social practice: A proposal for critical discourse analysis," 32:2). The only other reference to CDA is a negative review of Chouliaraki and Fairclough's *Discourse in Late Modernity* (A. Fox, 33.3).

(The) Modern Language Journal

The MLA journal is listed under topic specific journals because, while it does include some studies that apply DA and CDA methodologies to studies of texts, the emphasis throughout is on pedagogical issues. For example, articles include a CDA analysis of the discourse of school reform (M. Gebhard, 88.2) and conversation analysis of American students living abroad with French host families (S. Wilkinson, 86.2).

Research on Language and Social Interaction

Devoted to conversation and dialog interaction studies, this journal includes DA application, such as C. Kitzinger's discourse/conversation analysis of the strategies women with breast cancer use to resist the "think positive" idiom (33.2). Ruth Wodak's brief survey of current work in CDA is also included (32.1-2). But the majority of articles are concerned with micro-analysis of conversation.

Theory and Psychology (see also *Discourse Processes*)

This journal is written for psychologists by psychologists from all branches of the field. Its emphasis is on meta-approaches to psychological theory and practice. However, it is included in this list because contributions often dip into the same pool of theory that (critical) discourse analysts do. Among its interdisciplinary considerations is the role of rhetoric and argumentation in psychological theory and considerations of interaction (Gricean), discursive presentations of self (a la Goffman), and narrative constructions of personhood. “Discourse, Knowledge, Materiality, History: Foucault and Discourse Analysis” (Hook, 11.4) is a particularly illustrative example. As such, this journal could provide further grounding for discourse analytic studies. Furthermore, articles often apply timely neurobiological research to theories of communicative interaction in ways that analysts from the van Dijk, socio-cognitive school should find informative.

Written Communication

This topic specific journal is concerned with all aspects of writing from all approaches—its Aims and Scope seem to call for DA and CDA approaches, particularly in the call for research on “the social and political consequences of writing and writing instruction.” Examples of published work include a call for a discourse analytic approach to the cognitive process view of writing (A. Matsuhashi, “Cognitive Questions from Discourse Analysis: A Review and Study” 1.3) as well as a survey of the potential contributions of CDA to the teaching of writing within and about the sciences (G. Myers, “Out of the Laboratory and Down to the Bay: Writing in Science and Technology Studies” 13.1).