



BACK BEHIND THE WHEEL

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METHOD

Conversation analysis

- focuses on actual (audio- and video-recorded) instances of social interaction,
- which develop moment by moment through single verbal turns and bodily actions,
- and the significance of which is established and oriented to by the participants themselves.



DATA

- Collected at the Traffic Research Unit, University of Helsinki, by Prof. Heikki Summala and his research team.
- Training sessions from voluntary post-licence driver education for older drivers (59–70-year-old women).
- Approx. 33 hours of audio and video recordings from real traffic situations (3 training sessions from 11 drivers).



RESEARCH THEMES

- Language and interaction
 - e.g. requests for suspension/
displays of frustration:
hetkinen 'one moment, wait'
- Use of car technology
 - e.g. use of indicator, mirrors,
manual or automatic
transmission
- Learning (or re-learning)
 - e.g. instructor interventions