



FROM THE EDITORS

It is our pleasure to provide readers of *Przeгляд Socjologiczny* with the second instalment of a thematic issue on the legacies of Harvey Sacks, who has had an enduring influence upon various communities of scholars in sociology, linguistics, and allied disciplines. The first instalment was published as volume 74, issue 3 (2025) and we continue to describe this current project as “Sacks studies”. The thematic issue as a whole marked the anniversary of Sacks’s birth year in 1935; to commemorate his death in 1975; and to celebrate the paperback publication of his *Lectures on conversation*, in 1995. Sacks’s lectures had been published first as a two-volume hardback in 1992, the demand for which guaranteed the sales of the single-volume paperback edition.

This second part of the thematic issue continues with an essay (“Handfuls of World”), identifying the relevance of “Sacks studies”, introducing the contents of the issue and the connection between these two issues. “Sacks studies” glosses an enclave of inquiries that are not limited to the parallel approaches to conversation analysis that Sacks had developed (membership categorization and turn-taking). Sacks studies are founded on the recognition that Sacks’s work is not limited to these approaches, for Sacks’s legacies stretch beyond disciplinary boundaries. This issue contains papers by Sacks scholars, including one of Sacks’s former students – Glenn Rockland, whose piece opens the “Research perspectives” section.

Rockland shares some of his experiences of being in the audience as Sacks gave his lectures, and the excitement of being a doctoral student supervised by Sacks. In a wide-ranging set of reminiscences, Rockland’s perspective questions the epistemological bases for Sacks’s interests, how Sacks arrived at his analyses, and whether Sacks’s legacies are betrayed in current research.

The second entry in this section is an empirical study of pedestrian locomotion in public space. From an analytical framework that is avowedly Sacksian, Marc Relieu, Catherine Félix and Rod Watson examine video-recordings of pedestrian alignments as they approach doorways.

Fritz Schütze knew Sacks for a long time, and guided early German translations of ethnomethodological work into print. Schütze considers the enduring relevance of Sacks's work for sociologists – particularly for his own research fields, narrative analysis and biographical sociology. Schütze's perspective is fascinating for its recognition of Sacks beyond conversation analysis and membership categorization device (MCD) analysis.

This thematic issue recognizes that Sacks's work is relevant beyond sociology. Hence, the disciplinarity of Sacks's work is considered further in a paper in the "Articles" section, by Kwang Kong Luke. Luke examines the relevance of Sacks's approaches for linguistics. Although Sacks developed conversation analysis, and conversation analysis has become a recognized, acceptable approach for use in linguistics, Luke demonstrates that the potentiality of Sacks's approaches have yet to be deployed, let alone exploited, by linguistics scholars.

Next, Jakub Mlynář uses multimodal conversation analytic transcripts from different settings to illustrate a submerged argument within accounts based on Sacks's work, which is the importance of examining the full assembly of members' methods as preserved on the recording. Mlynář's study, which collects together Sacks's orientations to gestalt-contextures, is a statement paper demonstrating that Sacks's work is not reducible to the analysis of transcripts.

The final article within the thematic issue, by Andrew P. Carlin and Joana Marques, is a position paper for Sacks studies and membership categorization analysis (MCA) in particular. This paper is the "upshot" of considerations of a corpus of video data, examining astronomy communication events.

The regular articles section is followed by a panel discussion on the relevance of Sacks's work to sociology; and a review of a recent book containing extensive discussions of Sacks's work: *Harvey Sacks and ethnomethodology. The prospect of an alternate and adequate sociology* by Graham Button (2026). The panel discussion and book review are in Polish.

We thank all of our contributors and reviewers, without whom these considerations of Sacks studies would not have been possible. Contributors and all the anonymous reviewers convinced us of the importance of this two-part thematic issue, and emboldened us to be even more radical for the sake of Sacks. Special thanks to Sara Keel, Gerhard Riemann and Philippe Rouchy for their timely, essential interventions that have facilitated this second part of the thematic issue.