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## NEW COURSE UNIT IN DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

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### Exploring Discourse in Context and in Action

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#### Key Themes

- Describing, interpreting & explaining discourse
- *'Who's involved in discourse?'* People, roles, identities and behaviours: analysing discourse as participant interaction
- *'What is it that's going on here?'* Frames, footings and strategy in discourse
- *'How do you know that?'* processes of reasoning and evidence in discourse
- *'Why that now?'* Issues of sequencing and ordering in discourse; contextualising inquiry
- *'What actions are being taken here? Who is taking them and why?'* discourse in social action, mapping tools and tasks
- *How does discourse drive social change and how does social change drive discourse?'* going beyond pattern-seeking; interdiscursivity and change. The practical relevance of discourse analysis

Each Theme will be addressed in two weeks of work, with accompanying core and optional Readings, Course Notes, Case Studies, Data analytical Tasks, and Vignettes from key scholars and practitioners in the field. Sites of engagement for the themes will include educational, professional and organisational communication, and translation/interpreting settings, with a focus on spoken, written and multi-modal realisations.

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