Human-AI Interaction: Discourse and Interactional Perspectives

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Call for book chapters

AI systems such as chatbots, voice agents, and virtual assistants are designed to simulate human-like interaction through contextually relevant, real-time responses. While these technologies hold significant potential to support users by facilitating access to information, offering advice, and providing companionship, critics suggest they still exhibit interactional limitations, including inadequate conversational competence, misattributions of interactional roles, emotional inabilities, relational misalignments and cultural insensitivity. Research approaches which offer discourse and interactional perspectives, including, but not limited to, Conversation Analysis, Membership Categorisation Analysis, Interactional Sociolinguistics, Critical Discourse Analysis, and Multimodal Interaction Analysis, can offer useful analytical resources for exploring human-AI interaction and addressing these challenges to inform more socially, culturally, and ethically grounded AI design. While experiments and self-reported accounts of users' experiences and perceptions provide valuable insights, such methods may not fully capture the interactional processes through which human-AI interaction is accomplished. Accordingly, we invite contributions to an edited volume that examines human-AI interaction as it unfolds in situated contexts. This volume seeks to articulate current knowledge and emerging research agendas in the study of human-AI interaction, while illustrating how socially situated approaches to language, discourse, and interaction can be used as methodological frameworks for its investigation.

Submissions are not restricted by topic, provided they adopt a socially situated perspective on language, discourse, and interaction to examine how humans engage with AI, and/or to illustrate how such an approach can inform the design of AI tools. The call follows discussions at *Building Bridges: A Symposium in Human-AI Interaction*, and we welcome interdisciplinary submissions that engage with discourse and interactional perspectives as developed in applied linguistics and adjacent fields. We welcome submissions from around the world and from researchers at all career stages.

Submission guidelines

Please submit an abstract in a Word document (max. 500 words, references excluded) by **1 March 2026** to Yanyan Li (Yanyan.Li.1@warwick.ac.uk) and Adam Brandt (adam.brandt@newcastle.ac.uk), using the email subject 'Human-AI interaction book chapter proposal'. The abstract should include a title, a clear explanation of how 'human-AI interaction' is defined in the study, the interactional method(s) and dataset used, analytic findings, implications for AI design (where relevant), and references (APA7 referencing style). Please also include a short bio (max. 50 words) for each author. We aim to send notifications of acceptance by **3 April 2026**. The first draft of accepted manuscripts will be due by **4 October 2026**. Please note that publication is not guaranteed. All full submissions will undergo rigorous editorial and peer review.

Tentative timeline

Abstract submission	1 March 2026
Notification of acceptance	3 April 2026
Manuscript submission (1st draft)	4 October 2026
1st editorial and peer review	October 2026 – January 2027
Authors' revision (2nd draft)	March 2027
2nd editorial and peer review	March – June 2027
Final decision and notification	July – August 2027