

Discourse analysis: a multi-layered approach

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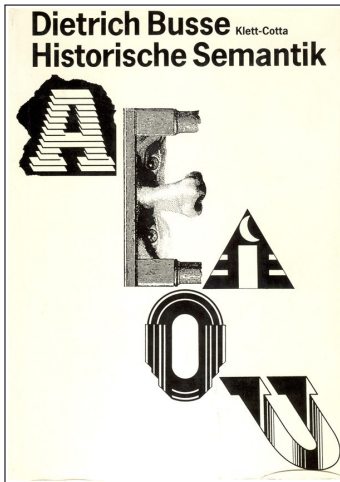
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“Historische Diskurssemantik [. . .] entwirft das Szenario des kollektiven Wissens einer gegebenen Diskursgemeinschaft in einer gegebenen Epoche hinsichtlich des zum Untersuchungsgegenstand erwählten thematischen Bereichs bzw. des Bedeutungsfeldes bzw. der Diskursformation. [. . .] Die Beschreibung des kollektiven Wissens kann immer nur erfolgen hinsichtlich eines zum Gegenstand gemachten Diskursbereiches; nur für diesen werden die epistemischen Bedingungen, angeschlossenen Bedeutungsfelder, thematischen Vorläufer, verworfenen, aber dennoch präsenten Gegenentwürfe, paradigmatischen Voraussetzungen etc. zu formulieren versucht. Das Szenario beschreibt somit immer nur das Umfeld eines einzelnen Bereiches, es kann nicht das gesammelte Wissen einer Epoche erfassen.”

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“Verstehensrelevantes Wissen” (‘knowledge relevant to understanding’)

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“[D]as Spektrum des bedeutungsrelevanten Wissens [muss] sehr viel weiter gezogen werden [. . .], eine größere Menge und eine größere Reichweite von epistemischen Voraussetzungen der textuellen Bedeutungskonstitution [muss] in die Analyse einbeziehen [. . .], als es der eng gefasste Bedeutungsbegriff der herkömmlichen linguistischen Semantik nahelegt. Ich spreche in diesem Zusammenhang auch von dem Bereich des **bedeutungsrelevanten bzw. verstehensrelevanten Wissens**, das in einer vollständigen semantischen Analyse expliziert werden muss.”

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“Is discourse a linguistic object?”

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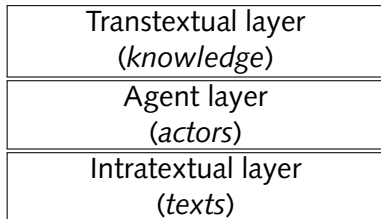
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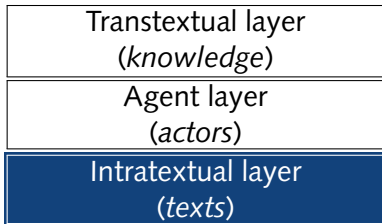
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Word-oriented analysis	Multi-word units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – [...] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Occasionalisms</i> – <i>Lexical stance markers (Schlagwörter)</i> – <i>Keywords</i> – <i>Nomina continuativa</i> – <i>Nomina appellativa, Nomina collectiva</i> – <i>Nomina propria</i>
	One-word units	

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Proposition-oriented analysis	Textual microstructure: propositions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – [. . .] – <i>Syntactic patterns</i> – <i>Rhetorical tropes and figures</i> – <i>Metaphorical lexemes</i> – <i>Deontic meaning</i> – <i>Implicatures, presuppositions</i> – <i>Speech acts</i>
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	Macrostructure: text subject(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – [...] – <i>Metaphorical fields</i> – <i>Lexical fields</i> – <i>Isotopical and oppositional lines</i>
	Mesostructure: topics in text parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Topic development</i> – <i>Text functions</i> – <i>Text type</i>

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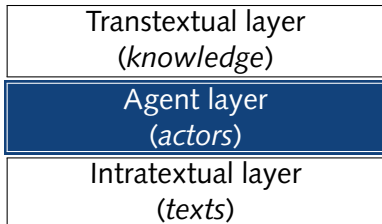
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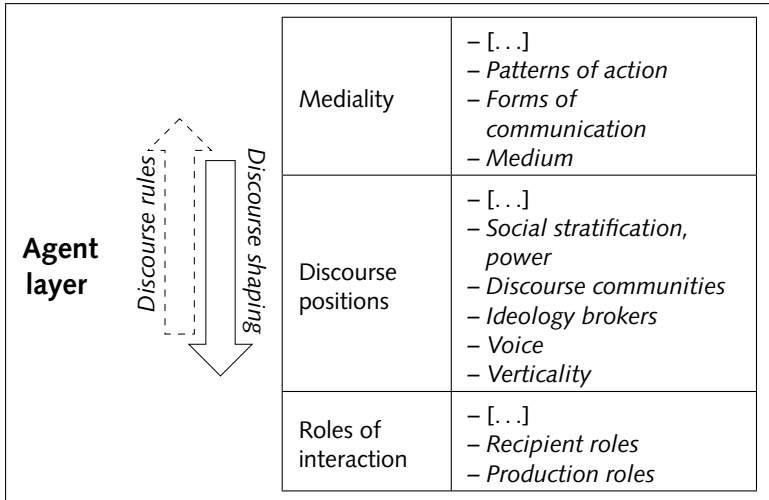
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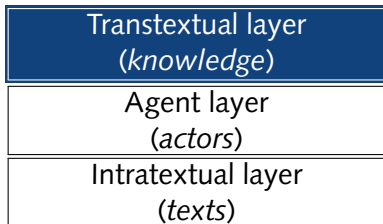
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		<i>Ideologies, gouvernementality mentalities</i>
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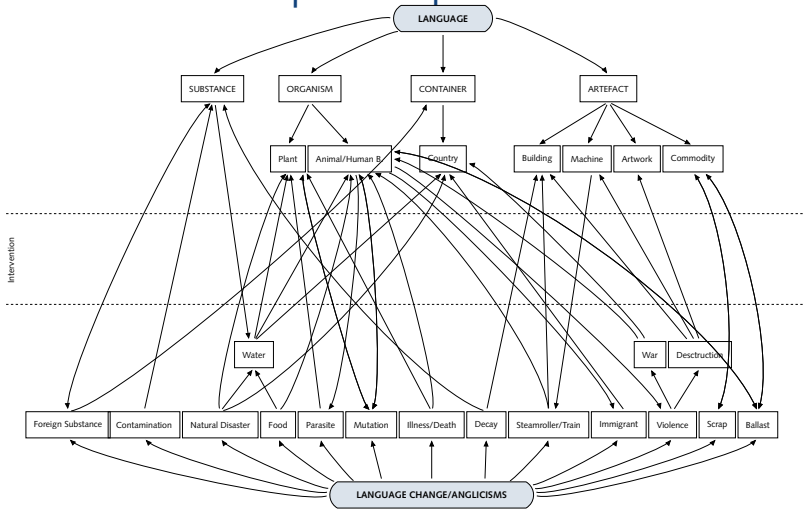
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