Paper outline

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Preparation

The paper template

Sections
How to choose a topic

1. Define a domain by language, social group, situation.
2. Choose a phenomenon that occurs naturally in that domain (not polite terms of address in academic papers).
3. Naturally occurring data is of course of the greatest interest for this course.
4. Having said that, data collection should, ideally, be over when you start this paper. Pre-existing corpora are great, but they need to be appropriate for your topic (see previous point). If you don’t have appropriate pre-existing data, begin collecting data at once, and begin sampling collected data at once, to guarantee that you are indeed getting instances of the phenomenon you want to write about.
5. Everyone should get their chosen topic approved by me by the paper approval deadline given on the course outline about their topic.
1. Statement of problem/phenomenon (with examples)
2. Literature review (lit most directly addressing problem)
3. Methods
   3.1 Data collection
   3.2 Framework
      (Grice/Neo-Grice/Relevance/Brown&Levinson, etc.)
4. Results. This section can be left blank in the outline (but not in the final paper!).
5. Complete bibliography
Write a draft of your literature review

1. Include any relevant references from our textbook.
2. Include any relevant references from our class readings or from the bibliographies linked to on our course outline.
3. Include any relevant references included in the bibliographies of the sources listed above (here you must use your judgment, since it would not be wise just to copy the bibliographies of all of the above sources).
4. Do a literature search and find relevant literature on your topic.