



Avviso Seminario

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Thoughtful gestures

Abstract

Together with David McNeill and several other colleagues, I've argued that to understand the kind of spontaneous gesticulations that are integrated with speech we need to think of a "thought-language-hand" system that has a relatively high degree of autonomy from the instrumental motor system.

This view is cashed out in empirical studies of gesture in proprioceptive deafferentation (e.g., the case of IW), and it extends Merleau-Ponty's idea that "language accomplishes thought"

by suggesting that gesture also accomplishes thought.

If this emphasizes the importance of language and gesture, it also holds some implications for our conceptions of thought or thinking.

I'll develop this idea by linking the study of gesture to an enactively embodied concept of thinking.

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