Interaction and Everyday Life
Interaction and Everyday Life

*Phenomenological and Ethnomethodological Essays in Honor of George Psathas*

Edited by Hisashi Nasu and Frances Chaput Waksler

LEXINGTON BOOKS
Lanham • Boulder • New York • Toronto • Plymouth, UK
Courtesy of Boston University. Photo by Kalman Zabarsky.
# TABLE OF CONTENTS

**PREFACE**

ix

**PART I. PHENOMENOLOGICAL SOCIOLOGY AS AN INTELLECTUAL MOVEMENT**

1

Chapter 1. Phenomenological Sociology in the United States: The Developmental Process of an Intellectual Movement
Hisashi Nasu

3

Chapter 2. Experiencing a Phenomenological Teacher: A Reflection
Christina Papadimitriou

23

Chapter 3. Revisiting Psathas: A Personal and Hermeneutic Reappraisal
David Rehorick

29

**PART II. PHENOMENOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

39

Chapter 4. In the Beginning was Embodied Sociality: A Tribute to George Psathas’ Phenomenological Sociology
Hwa Yol Jung

41

Chapter 5. Why Ethnomethodology Needs the Transcendental Ego
Michael Barber

73

Chapter 6. A Problem in Alfred Schutz’s Methodology of the Cultural Sciences
Lester Embree

89

Chapter 7. Where is Power?
An Investigation into the Formation of Political Semantics
Ilja Srubar

103

Chapter 8. Trust and the Dialectic of the Familiar and Unfamiliar within the Life-World
Martin Endress

115
Chapter 9. Phenomenology and Sociology: Divergent Interpretations of a Complex Relationship
Thomas Eberle 135

Chapter 10. Investigating Friendship: A Prospective Dispute between Protosociology and Phenomenological Sociology
Jochen Dreher 153

Chapter 11. Face-to-Face Interaction, Kirogi Papa (Wild Goose Dad), and the Stranger: A Social-Phenomenological Study of Changing Intimacy in the Family
Kwang-ki Kim 169

Chapter 12. Children as Interactional Partners for Adults
Frances Chaput Waksler 189

PART III. ETHNOMETHODOLOGICAL EXPLORATIONS 205

Chapter 13. Classical Ethnomethodology, The Radical Program, and Conversation Analysis
Thomas Wilson 207

Chapter 14. To the Activities Themselves: A Philosophical Interpretation of the Complexities of Experience
Lenore Langsdorf 239

Chapter 15. The Intelligibility of Directions: The Psathas Corpus
Kenneth Liberman 251

Chapter 16. Collective Action, Collective Reaction: Inspecting Bad Apples in Accounts for Organizational Deviance and Discrimination
Tim Berard 261

Chapter 17. Garden Lessons: Embodied Action and Joint Attention in Extended Sequences
Lorenza Mondada 279

Aug Nishizaka 297

Chapter 19. From Phenomenology to Ethnomethodology: The Crafting of Musical Time
Peter Weeks 315
## Contents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>APPENDIX: George Psathas’ Books, Edited Volumes, Articles, and Book Reviews</td>
<td>333</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Index</td>
<td>341</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notes on the Editors and Contributors</td>
<td>349</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
PREFACE

We are very honored and pleased to have edited and contributed to a volume celebrating the many scholarly contributions of Professor George Psathas. Personally, both of us have benefited greatly from our association with him and from his intellectual as well as personal generosity. The volume is designed to display to a broader audience what the contributors already know—his profound influence on phenomenological sociology and ethnomethodology and the many ways that his ideas serve as a basis for the scholarly work of others. We are especially grateful to the many contributors, whose enthusiasm for taking part in this project testifies to his international importance in motivating a wide variety of endeavors.

The many themes that pervade Professor Psathas’ career can be traced in the articles that follow and in the Bibliography of his works in the Appendix. We hope that this collection of papers serves to honor Professor Psathas for his many achievements, including, most recently, his receipt in 2009 of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Section of the American Sociological Association.

Professor Psathas was born in 1929 in New Haven, Connecticut. He obtained his B.A. from Yale University in 1950, his M.A. from the University of Michigan in 1951, and his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1956. He was an Associate Professor (1963-1968) at Washington University in St. Louis and Professor of Sociology (1968-1997) and is now Professor Emeritus at Boston University. He is a founder of the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences and the founder, the editor-in-chief (1978-2010), and now identified as the founding editor of Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences. He is also Honorary President of the International Institute for Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis. With his meticulous attention to detail and to the edification and pleasure of participants, he has organized and participated in many international conferences for ethnomethodology and phenomenological sociology. Through his extensive and valuable teaching as a university professor, his productiveness as a scholar, and his effectiveness as an organizer and the founder of both an academic society and a journal, he has advanced phenomenological sociology and ethnomethodology in the United States and throughout the world.