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PREFACE

The senior authors of these papers – Keenan, Goody, Brown and Levinson – either are currently, or have been very recently, teaching or researching at the University of Cambridge. We are all anthropologists by training, but Keenan, Brown and Levinson are also linguists. These papers grew out of our individual preoccupations with the use of language to manage interaction. But although they were written separately, we have discussed many of the issues involved, and felt it would be useful to bring together these contributions to a common problem.

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SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS



*	ungrammatical
r	rude
p	polite
c.i.	conversationally implicates
FTA	face-threatening act
S	speaker
H	hearer, addressee
P	power
D	social distance
R _x	rating of imposition
W _x	seriousness (weightiness) of FTA <i>x</i>
C	context
MP	Model Person
T	second-person singular pronoun ('tu')
V	second-person plural honorific pronoun ('vous')
⊢	1. entailment 2. assertion sign
⊃	if-then (material conditional)
iff	if and only if
ø	as 'a' in hall
/	stress