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Turn-taking is a fascinating feature of conversational interaction due to its systematic and ordered nature. However, research has so far focused mainly on American and British conversations, with other varieties of English receiving much less attention. This pioneering book addresses this gap by exploring turn-taking patterns and cultural variation in Southeast Asian and Caribbean English. Bringing together research from the fields of Conversation Analysis and World Englishes for the first time, Theresa Neumaier conducts an empirical study based on authentic audio data of interactions in these global varieties of English and demonstrates that conversational strategies differ between speaker groups with different cultural backgrounds. Shedding new light on the impact of cultural and sociolinguistic factors on conversational patterns, it is essential reading for advanced students and scholars interested in language, variation, and social interaction, as well as those working in the fields of Conversation Analysis, Interactional Linguistics, and World Englishes.

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Abbreviations

ACE	Asian Corpus of English
AmE	(Standard) American English
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BNC	British National Corpus
BrE	(Standard) British English
CA	Conversation Analysis
CTRP	Complex Transition Relevance Place
ELF	English as a lingua franca
FPP	First Pair Part (of an adjacency pair)
GAT ₂	Gesprächsanalytisches Transkriptionssystem 2
GLOBE	Global Leadership and Organizational Behavior Effectiveness
>h + f<	high and forte pitch
I	interruption
ICE	International Corpus of English
ICE-JA	Jamaican component of ICE
ICE- T&T	Trinidadian and Tobagonian component of ICE
L	lexical resource
L ₁	first language
La	latching
NTRI	next-turn repair initiator
O	overlap
OIR	other-initiated repair
P	phonetic resource
Psl	slowing down
Pv	volume upstep
S	syntactic strategy
Sc	compound TCUs
Sd	direct request

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Sg	point of grammatical control
Sr	recycles/restarts
SBCSAE	Santa Barbara Corpus of Spoken American English
SCT	sequence-closing third
SLA	Second Language Acquisition
SPP	Second Pair Part (of an adjacency pair)
TCU	turn-constructional unit
TRP	transition-relevance place
VOICE	Vienna-Oxford International Corpus of English
WVS	World Values Survey

Transcription Conventions

The transcription conventions used in this book comply with the Jeffersonian transcription system described by Hepburn and Bolden (2017). The symbols used most frequently are briefly explained below. All transcripts were created using a font with fixed width to ensure that passages in overlap are displayed as aligned (Hepburn & Bolden, 2017, p. 17).

Transcript	Meaning
[word]	beginning/end of overlap
word=word	latching
(0.3)	period of silence (in seconds)
(.)	micropause (<0.1s)
wo:rd	prolonged/stretched sound
<word>	slowing down
>word<	speeding up
word-	cut-off
WORD	increased volume
°word°	reduced volume
wo <u>r</u> d	emphasis
word.	falling intonation contour
word,	slightly rising intonation contour
word?	strongly rising intonation contour
word!	exclamation
wo:rd	up to down intonation contour
wo:rd	down to up intonation contour
↑word	sharp upstep in pitch
↓word	sharp downstep in pitch
h	hearable aspiration (outbreath)
.h	hearable inhalation (inbreath)
()	unintelligible part of an utterance
(word)	dubious part of an utterance
((word))	transcriber's comment
£word£	smiley voice