

PER UNA GRAMMATICA SITUATA. ASPETTI TEMPORALI E  
MULTIMODALI DELL'INCREMENTAZIONE SINTATTICA

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ABSTRACT

This article examines turn-extensions occurring after a possibly complete utterance in conversational Italian. Drawing on a corpus of dyadic and multi-party talk-in-interaction, we use conversation analysis and interactional linguistics to analyse grammatically dependent extensions, or *increments*. We offer a first investigation of the phenomenon in Italian talk-in-interaction that highlights the situated, temporal and embodied dimensions of the practice. We propose to differentiate between *self-increments* and *other-increments*. We use the former term for cases in which the current speaker extends their own turn, whereas the latter refers to turn-extensions accomplished by an other-speaker. We show that the “incrementability” of turns is a fundamental resource for interactants, enabling them to organise turn-taking, take a specific stance or accomplish a socially relevant action. Through the lens of increments we reflect on syntactic dependence, the notion of action and provide a situated, and temporally sensitive account of grammar-in-interaction.