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### **Finding the animal in the foliage**

“There is a feature of members' accounts that for them is of such singular and prevailing relevance that it controls other features in their specific character as recognisable, rational features of practical sociological inquiries. The feature is this. With respect to the problematic character of practical actions and to the practical adequacy of their inquiries, members take for granted that a member must at the outset 'know' the setting's in which he is to operate if his practices are to serve as measures to bring particular, located features of these settings to recognisable account. They treat as the most passing matter of fact that members' accounts, of every sort, in all their logical modes, with all of their uses, and for every method for their assembly are constituent features of the settings they make observable. Members know, require, count on, and make use of this reflexivity to produce, accomplish, recognise, or demonstrate rational-adequacy-for-all-practical-purposes of their procedures and findings.” Harold Garfinkel, *Studies in Ethnomethodology*.

So how do we find members' methods in all their 'logical modes'? This seminar invites you to consider a loose collection of empirical materials documenting the interactional work involved in several naturally occurring activities. We start by revisiting Harvey Sacks' observations on telephone openings and move on to consider different modalities of ordinary action: handling the mail (asynchronous action), looking at photographs (synchronous action), and playing an augmented reality game (distributed action). These do not cover all logical modes of action but they might help us to address something of the topic. Our aim in doing so is to inspect each modality of action in turn in an attempt to figure out how we find, and can find, members' methods at work and with it the interactional machinery that members reflexively employ to organise their naturally accountable and intersubjectively recognisable activities. Central to the inspection is Sacks' notion of adjacency pairs and their extension beyond conversation to human action both embodied and virtual.