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**From practices to praxis studying interactions in judicial settings**

The French criminal procedure of *comparution immédiate* - immediate trial - makes it possible for a person accused of theft, assault, or immigration violations, to be tried in the hours immediately following his arrest. In this framework, the suspect is transferred from the police station to the courthouse where he meets in the first place a social worker, who makes a report for the judges. Then, a prosecutor informs the suspect about the charges against him and takes his statement. Finally, the suspect prepares his defence with his counsel before appearing in the court to be tried.

In this talk, I will present my research on the organization of these various interactions studied using video recordings. Over the years, the focus of my research seems to expand from the situated practices to the praxis itself. Therefore, the study of member's (ethno)methods includes the description of whatever members are doing, for instance the actions accomplished through particular conversational structures. It also attempts to describe the features of the concerted "doing" itself: accomplished "in detail", "from within the situations", "using and depending upon particular contingencies", "for all practical purposes".