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**Leadership, Power and Ethnomethodology**

Traditional leadership research has always cited 'power' and 'social influence' as the main topic of inquiry. Yet recent ethnographic studies of leadership in organizations have argued that social influence is a feature common to all interactions. More than this, when one seeks to study leadership-in-action, the phenomenon itself seems to disappear within the milieu of everyday observable work practices. Drawing on ethnographic materials from a study of leadership in post-compulsory education this presentation will discuss the contribution an ethnomethodologically informed ethnography can make to the study of 'leadership', and how conceptual categories such as 'power' might be adequately dealt with within an ethnomethodological analysis of materials.