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Conceptual Metaphor Theory in Light of Research on Gesture with Speech



Research on gesture with speech supports the basic idea that metaphor (at least potentially) involves thinking of and experiencing one domain in terms of another, and that it is not just a matter of words. However gestures as data also raise several theoretical and methodological questions for conceptual metaphor theory. For example, gestures (and speech) are dynamic in nature (unlike written words, which tend to be the usual data for metaphor research), gestures are usually not intentional symbols like words are, and speakers are only aware of producing gestures to varying degrees. The analysis of gestural data supports a graded approach to what metaphor is, something which is not easily handled by current theory nor current methods in metaphor research.