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CONVERSATIONAL ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT

This research is a comparative analysis of two videos concerning the political news interview, through the use of: (i) 'turn-taking organization' theory (in Conversation Analysis) by Harvey Sacks, and (ii) Politeness Theory by Penelope Brown & Stephen Levinson. It has identified about the specific turn-taking strategies as well as the politeness strategies that the participants had used within the political news interviews. Then, the functions of both turn-taking strategies as well as the politeness strategies within political news interviews are also discussed. As the conclusion, it is found that the participants prefer to use: (i) 'start up' conversation to take the turn, (ii) conjunction words to hold the turn, and the 'hearer selected to become next speaker' strategy to yield the turn. Then, the most frequently used positive politeness strategy is 'to give (or ask) reasons'; while the most frequently used negative politeness strategy is the use of 'impersonalize' strategy.

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