

Proxemics

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Abstract

We communicate through language, but also with our hands, with the help of facial expressions, our gaze, as well as through the way we use a certain space. Communicational proximity is the object of study of proxemics. The term proxemics was coined by the American anthropologist Edward T. Hall (b. 1941), who first used it in the study „Proxemics” in 1963. Proxemics is the field that deals with the language of distances and refers to the meaning of distance on which each person keeps, towards each other, or towards animals or objects. Proxemics is one of the subcategories in the study of non-verbal communication, adding to it haptics (the study of touch in non-verbal communication), kinetics (the study of body movement in non-verbal communication), vocalics (the study of paralanguage in non-verbal communication), chronemics (the study of the role of time in communication).