

Preface

This book focuses on the relationship between action and language. Despite intensive debates over action and language, few studies have examined how they are related and their shared underlying mechanisms. Some researchers claim that language is a special and highly structural case of action; that sensorimotor circuits form a cortical basis for language, and that language processing can be accounted for by sensorimotor interactions. Hence, the extent to which a mechanism for processing actions also facilitates processing language is an interesting question.

This book aims to foster a conversation among interdisciplinary scholars interested in unpicking the relationship between these two significant human capacities. This book is written for readers from different academic backgrounds—from graduate students to established academics, and readers will benefit from the diverse perspectives and extensive discussions of relevant issues.

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