Recruiting assistance in Siwu and beyond: 
A case study in comparative conversation analysis

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要旨
Doing things for and with others is one of the foundations of human social life. The question of how we recruit the assistance of others has venerable roots in ethnography (Frake 1964) and in the philosophical study of speech acts (Searle 1969), yet it has only recently become possible to address it more systematically using records of actual behaviour in conversation. I present a study of one of the most concrete forms of prosociality in everyday social interaction: recruitments, when someone gets another to carry out a practical action for or with them. Much prior work on requesting in social interaction has focused on how requests are shaped by participants’ claims of entitlement (Heinemann 2006; Curl and Drew 2008), or how formats are selected depending on the degree of imposition on a recipient (Brown and Levinson 1978; Fukushima 1996). To bring out differences clearly, such analyses often contrast a small number of formats under large social or situational asymmetries. Complementing such approaches, this study presents a survey of the recruitment system of one language based on a systematic collection of 207 recruitment turns and responses from a corpus of informal conversation. By focusing on requests for here-and-now actions, we can observe a wider range of factors that shape and constrain the design and selection of recruitments and their responses in everyday interaction. Examining the interactional practices by which people recruit assistance contributes to our understanding of how language is shaped by social interaction.

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