# Politeness in (inter)action. Insights from British and Polish families.

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Although politeness research is a rapidly growing field of inquiry, studies of politeness in Slavic languages are still relatively rare and few of them look at actual conversations. The present paper analyses politeness in video-recorded English and Polish family interactions. Rather than focusing on ‘polite’ linguistic forms, it shows how these co-occur with non-verbal actions in everyday situations. The paper argues that politeness does not necessarily arise with the use of polite words (which can be highly conventionalised), but with the ways in which we attend to others’ needs.

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