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**Title: Discourse markers in Spanish**

Discourse markers belong to a category of linguistic devices which seem to play an important role in expressing and interpreting discourse in an adequate way. Despite their key-role in discourse, they are not easy to define. Discourse markers do not have an informational content, but contribute to it by establishing links. So, they function as cohesive devices with a procedural role. They can be used as connective devices with an argumentative, a reformulating or an organizing function, they can operate as discourse modalizers, they can focalize an element in a discourse or they can serve to enhance or maintain contact and control in communication. Moreover, discourse markers often have more than one function. This research topic seeks to explore the multifunctional nature of those markers in oral and/or written discourse, in language learners' discourse and/or native speakers' discourse, etc. Different approaches (theoretical, corpus-based, experimental, cross-linguistic) can be brought in to explain how discourse markers are used.

An Vande Castele belongs to the research group "Centre for Linguistics", a leading centre for research on multilingualism and second language teaching. She welcomes researchers interested in strengthening their knowledge with an in depth analysis of the use of discourse markers in Spanish to discuss ideas for the submission of a research proposal.

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