

Joint Speech from a Phonetician's Point of View

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Abstract: Joint speech is found where people utter the same words at the same time. This simple empirical definition serves to relate important forms of social activity found in ritual, in protest, in education, and among many practices that serve to enact some kind of identity. Although we know that joint speech is at least as old as writing itself, and presumably much older, it has not been included among the genres of *language* considered within linguistics. I propose that it merits concerted study as a form of *linguaging*, though much remains to be done in finding how to ask the right questions about it. I will show some findings addressed from a phonetic perspective, where joint speech has much to offer. I hope the general discussion will reveal areas of interest to a broad spectrum of researchers.

Relevant material, including examples and documentation, is available at <http://jointspeech.ucd.ie>