

Clinical Linguistics and Mental Health: Verbal Protocols Applied to Personality Disorders

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Abstract

People express themselves differently depending on the nature of their mental and psychic states. The object of clinical linguistics is to study the pathologies of language and also the psychic disorders which manifest themselves through language. By comparing the verbal productions of people suffering from mental health disorders, it is thus possible to detect linguistic markers associated with these disorders and to better follow the evolution of their state. This article proposes a methodology for studying these markers from verbal protocols and analytical tools from automatic language processing. The objective is to show the characteristics of the verbal expressions associated with certain disorders and the interest of better knowledge of these markers for diagnostic and training assistance.

Key Words

Mental health, Verbal Protocols, Personality Disorders, Clinical Linguistics, Semantic Markers.