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## SPAGAD 4: Sequencing and Referencing Speech acts

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### Reference to Speech Acts in Situated Dynamic Semantics

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Data from two experiments in German show that reference to speech acts is solely possible by the use of demonstratives, not personal pronouns, from which follows that reference to speech acts is deixis, not anaphora. Speakers choose not to refer to speech acts when forced to use a personal pronoun, nor do they choose a personal pronoun when forced to refer to a speech act. I introduce a formal dynamic semantics account on speech act reference that is an adaptation of Situated Segmented Discourse Representation Theory (SDRT). For this purpose, it is helpful to divide the common ground of the interlocutors into a) linguistic content of utterances and b) the commonly perceived utterance situation.