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Doing Analysis in Discourse and Corpus: the case of Evaluative Language
This paper begins by asking whether an agenda set by discourse studies can be addressed using corpus linguistics. It takes as an example the case of evaluative language. This topic has been tackled in both discourse studies (exemplified in this paper by Martin and White's Appraisal theory) and corpus studies (exemplified here in its most extreme form by Sentiment Analysis, but including also investigations of stance, semantic prosody and local grammar). The paper then extends the discussion to more general issues of difference between 'text' and 'corpus' as sites of investigation, outlining some of the difficulties identified if a corpus is conceptualised as a very large text and arguing that a corpus, unlike a text, cannot be analysed.