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From the perspective of functional cognitive pragmatics (Croft 2009, Verschueren 1999), the talk makes the case for regarding the socio-cultural situatedness of the discourse participants as an integral part of the deictic centre. In the operations of social deixis, this context-dependent vantage point brings discourse participant roles to bear on the identification of characters in the referential scene. In addition, it also foregrounds the socio-cultural attitudes of the interlocutors. Importantly, the marking of socio-cultural attitude is not necessarily bound up with the marking of persons in all its manifestations. More globally, the socio-cultural situatedness of the speaker may provide a context-dependent vantage point for construal. Specifically, the speaker adjusts her construal of experiences to the conventional, culturally grounded expectations (Tolcsvai Nagy 2005). Socio-cultural attitudes pertain not only to interpersonal relations but also to conventional discursive structures, to the time-bound nature of linguistic constructions and to the values attached to entities in the referential scene. Thus they have a pervasive role in construal, and highlight the deictic nature of style attributions. The talk demonstrates the application of the proposed theoretical approach on a multi-level empirical study. The primary linguistic input of the study was supplied by discourses recorded at four Hungarian university seminars. Excerpts from these classroom discourses served as a basis for two consecutive questionnaire studies (200 participants each) and several group interviews (20 participants in total). The results confirm that the use of linguistic constructions evoking different socio-cultural factors can be interpreted as a deictic operation in the intersubjective context of joint attention.

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