Hot topics in the linguistics of lying

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The goal of this talk is to introduce into recent linguistic research on lying and deception and to highlight controversial positions on a number of hot topics, for instance, how to define lying (as an insincere assertion or as an utterance violating Grice's maxim of Quality?), bald-faced lies (do they prove that an intention to deceive isn't a necessary element of lying?), and bullshitting (are all lies also cases of bullshitting?). Moreover, I will discuss whether the concept of lying is strictly bound to the use of declarative sentences, and present new experimental evidence related to the lying/misleading debate.

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