

Dialogical theories comprise a diverse array of approaches to human action and sense-making. I take a somewhat eclectic stance, including far more than Bakhtinian theories, for example, a number of largely empirical traditions in recent studies of talk and interaction. In this contribution, I want to comment on some of the theoretical underpinnings. Some of the conceptual dimensions to be covered are: dialogism as a counter-theory to monologism, realism and constructionism, double dialogicality (situated interaction and situation-transcending practices), intersubjectivity vs. alterity, the dialogical self, individual agency and the role of third parties, semantic potentialities of language and the social affordances of artefacts.