In this presentation, Dr Michael Haugh discusses the interactional mechanics and social actions through which teasing is accomplished in everyday interactions. The presentation examines ways in which teasing as mocking/ridiculing can be accomplished in a jocular or non-serious frame, or what is termed “jocular mockery”, and how these jocular teases can develop into extended sequences of “banter”. The ways in which various kinds of “serious” interactional work can be accomplished in “unofficial” ways through ostensibly non-serious instances of jocular mockery and banter are also discussed.

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