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This volume is a snapshot of the multiple ways in which one can approach the expression of discriminatory attitudes online through the provision of 5 case studies discussing online hateful speech in different context and through the application of distinct but complementary methodologies, based on a synthesis of quantitative and qualitative methods. This synergy, which has been steadily gaining momentum in critical discourse studies over the past decade, is being represented particularly rigorously, since special attention has been given to ensure as wide a coverage of available corpus-linguistic methods as possible across the papers, complemented by a deep and thorough qualitative analysis.

Apart from dealing with a topic of immense societal relevance nowadays, the present volume offers a truly comprehensive overview of different methodologies for investigating online discriminatory discourse; and all that in a collection of contributions that have been carefully produced in a way that ensures wide accessibility to diverse audiences. This book will be of interest not only to linguists, working in both critical discourse analysis and applied/computational linguistics, but also to scholars with an active interest in sociology and social policy, computer-mediated communication and social media studies. Given its highly accessible content, I would also expect it to be recommended to students working in these areas too.

The book manages to cover an impressively wide range of topics that capture the interest of its readership and inspire further – obviously, much needed – research in the area. What is more, by focusing on different settings and diverse national contexts, its individual contributions do not only manage to extend our understanding of how hatred flourishes online but also enables us to pinpoint a whole host linguistic strategies that are (sometimes even unwittingly) used to express discriminatory attitudes in abstraction of the particular target of a discriminatory speech act.