How are certain conversational resources used for specific purposes in institutional talk? This talk examines how repair, a resource commonly used in any interaction, is employed in the courtroom in the service of institutionally-specific tasks and constraints.

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This lecture will be given in English. All are welcome.