

Figure 3.2

The Dynamic Nature of Discourse Communities

This schematic depicts a dynamic, cause-effect relationship between the various elements that shape discourse communities.

A Conceptualization of Discourse Community

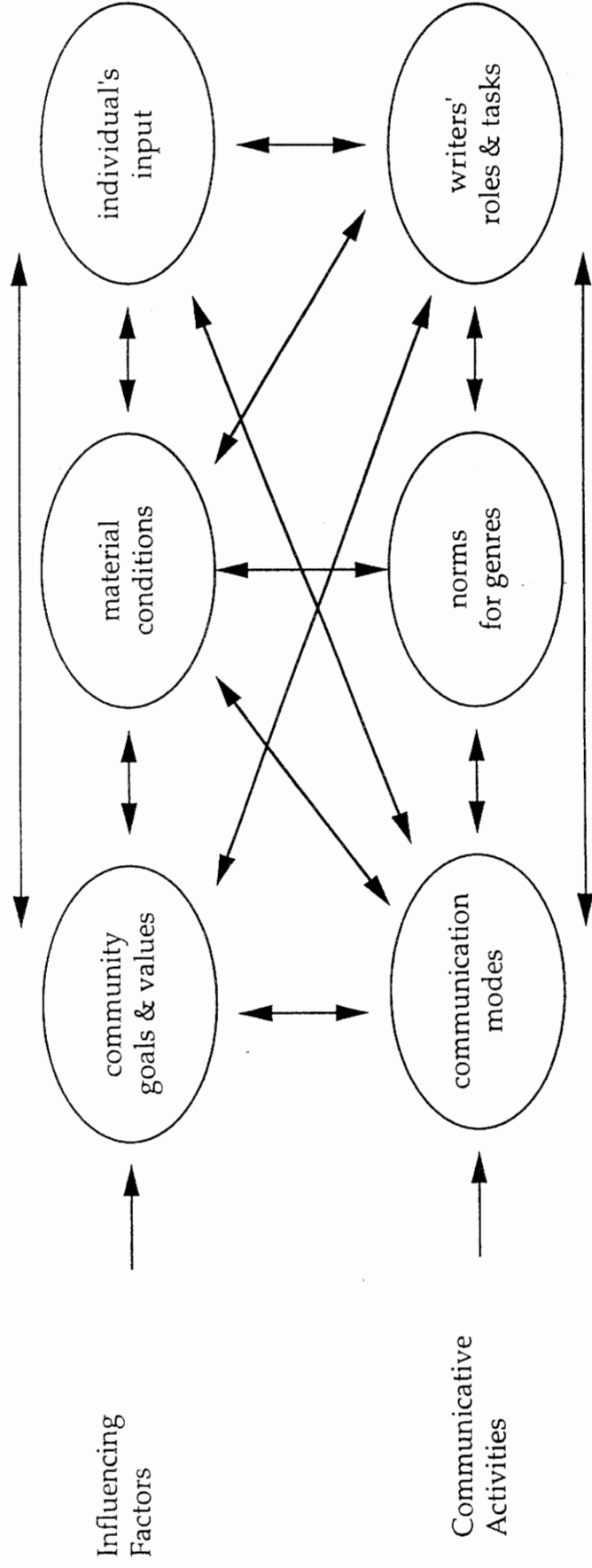


Figure 1 : This diagram suggests the dynamic elements of discourse communities.

"A discourse community is a dynamic social entity within which a set of distinctive, yet changeable writing practices occur in relation to other modes of communication."

(Beaufort, 1997)