CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY OF EDUCATION: DIVERSITY IN FOCUS

INVITED SPEAKER

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Education as movement is in the core of societal change in all its different forms—from kindergartens to vocational schools and lifelong learning. Education—understood as goal-oriented personal movement—restructures personal lives both inside school and outside the school. All in all, the direction of considering educational movement from the perspective of the developing person in various social contexts has been present in a number of ways. My proposal stems from the Cultural Psychology—an edge discipline that examines how human experience is culturally organized. Cultural Psychology emerges at the intersection of developmental and social psychologies, education, anthropology and sociology.

This fits the global processes of most countries becoming multi-cultural in their social orders. Educational psychology has become truly inter-disciplinary, and its applications in the vast variety of cultural contexts needs to be informed about cultural expectations. In that inter-disciplinary synthesis, the knowledge base of contemporary Cultural Psychology of Education is increasingly international. At the same time, any application of the know-how in the areas of education in any society remain local. History of education in Luxembourg gives very interesting information about that issue.

My focus is on the liminal phenomena in education in our contemporary globalized world (e.g. relationships, transitions and negotiations occurring between different culture and contexts).

The aim of the seminar will be specifically: a) to discuss the complexity of this Cultural Contact Zone where diversity is in focus, b) to broaden the practical usability of different trends of cultural psychology of education.

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Goals. This occasional seminar brings together researchers and advanced students interested in cultural psychology and qualitative methodology from different disciplines. The seminar takes up current topics at the individual and social level and renders the views of cultural psychology.