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Language, Culture, Semiotics and Deep Education

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2014 Summer Course

MOOC - Massive Online Open Course

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The course deals with **semiotics for deep education**, or educational semiotics. Semiotics is the study of semiosis or sign action. The study of signs that are meaningful for Education deals with the story behind learning and teaching events, the way they are shaped and formed, unraveling the meaning of symbols.



July 21-August 14, 2014

SEMIOTIC COURSE: SEMIOTICS FOR DEEP EDUCATION

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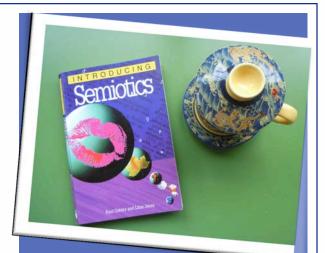
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Semiosis is the process to discover the production of meaning

Semiosis is part of the perception process. Human learning and cognition can be considered in terms of continually changing signs interacting with their environment or Umwelt. The course is about applied semiotics which includes applied linguistics as one of its aspects. The course will review how semiotic analysis can be useful for Education purposes, with a survey of authors such as Peirce, Saussure, Barthes, Derrida, Greimas, Sebeok, Danesi, Deely, Lotman, and Merrell.



Toward a More Humane Approach to Meaning

As an inquiry process, educational semiotics integrates the human dimension in its analysis of logical reasoning. The graduate course will present semiotic theories and issues useful to analyze meaningmaking processes in curriculum inquiry — and transnational curriculum inquiry in particular emphasizing cross-linguistics and interculturalism.



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A Transdisciplinary Course

Due to its transdisciplinary nature, this course is open to students from any discipline. Graduate students will plan projects that match their disciplinary perspectives.

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Semiotics for Deep Education

The concept of "depth" in education emerged from a variety of disciplines, with the recognition that continuing business as usual didn't make sense within the current state of affaires in Education. Current shallow teaching and learning practices need to be interrupted. New formats should be explored for Education at large. There are certainly new, more profound ways of understanding each discipline, and teaching and learning them.

The deep approach is about mindset and embodied action. It is about persons, humans, in the dynamics of living. It is something people want to live and work for. It is never fully achieved, it is always in the making, and depends upon situations.



Book Reading on Educational Semiotics

http://www.amazon.com/Signs-Symbols-Education-Educational-Semiotics/dp/1939755018/

CLASS 1

Introducing Semiotics

CLASS 4 Branding and Creating Realities

CLASS 7 The Semiotics of Gender

> CLASS 10 Symbolic Power

CLASS 2 Cognitive Semiotics

CLASS 5 Semiotic Language Systems

CLASS 8 Semiotics, Body and Race

CLASS 11 The Semiotics of Worship CLASS 3 Educational Semiotics

> CLASS 6 Social Semiotics

CLASS 9 The Semiotics of Cultures

CLASS 12 Semiotic Avant-Garde

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