



Dynamics in multicultural classes

agenda

- before meeting a student
- thinking as a student
- tools





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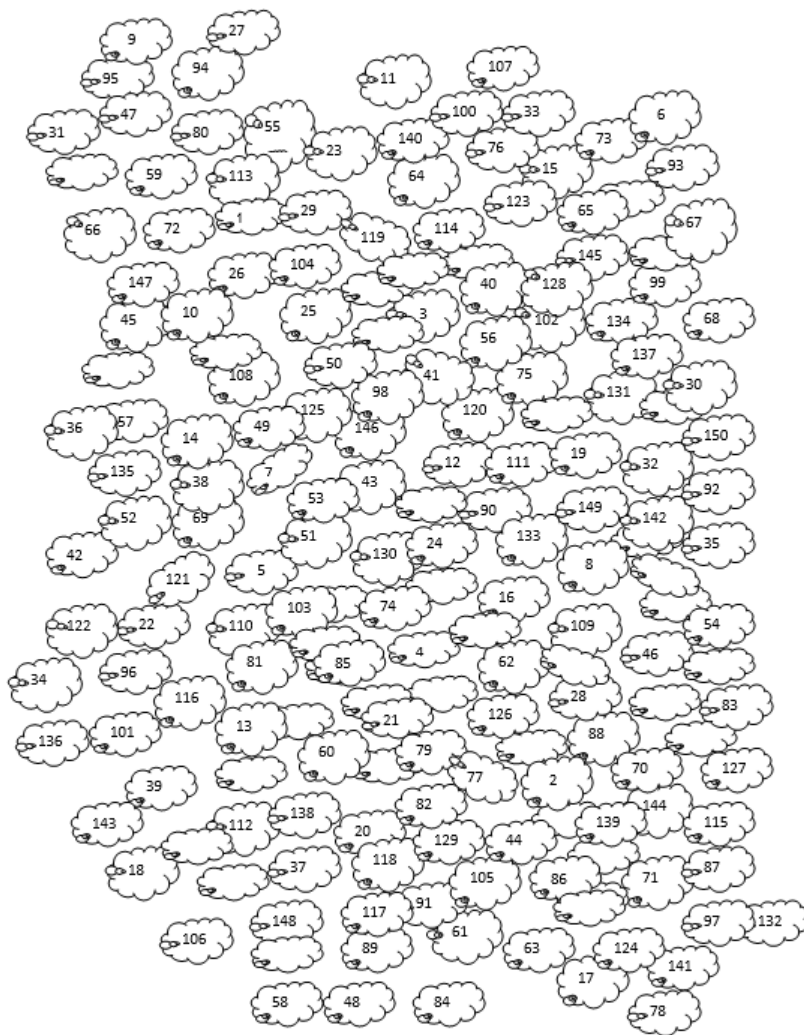


...meeting the student





- cultures



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- ***Do you mean Korean or international age?***

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“Academic 15 minutes” means

- a) it is tolerated if a teacher appears in class 15 minutes late.
- b) it is tolerated if a student appears in class 15 minutes late.
- c) the class has to start 15 minutes later than what is written in the official timetables.
- d) it is just a saying that has no effect to the class management.

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When a student comes after a session asking for help with the subject matter.

- a) Always, the teacher has to deal with that issue at that moment of the student request.
- b) The teacher should never deal with that issue in the time of a break. Instead, they should inform the student about their consultation hours and instruct them to come for that time to their office.
- c) It depends on the student's request, on the situation, on how busy the teacher is at the moment....

... it's all about cricket...


- Most people are really surprised the first time they try a cricket.
- Cricket can symbolize good luck and protection.
- Cricket often appears in literature.













companion



accessory

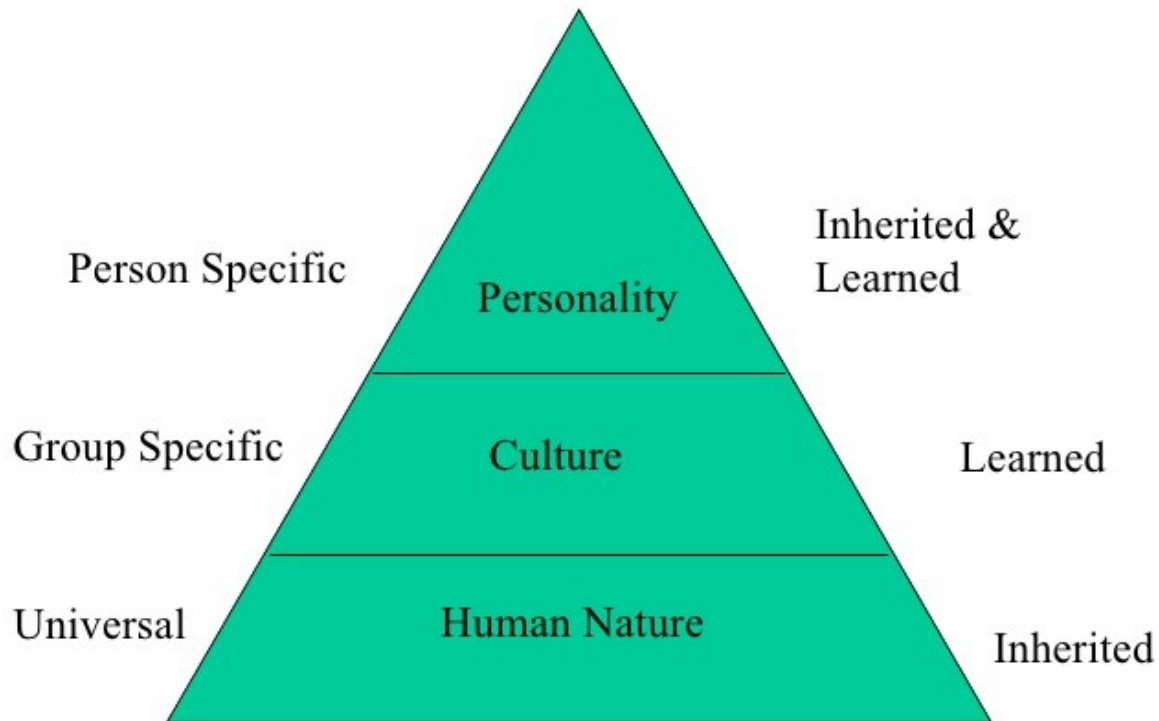


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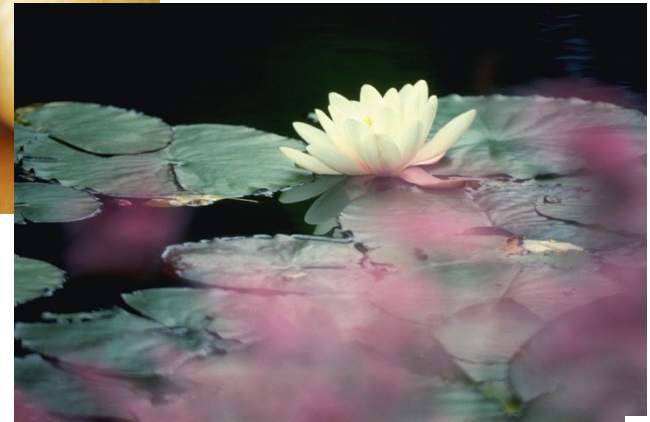
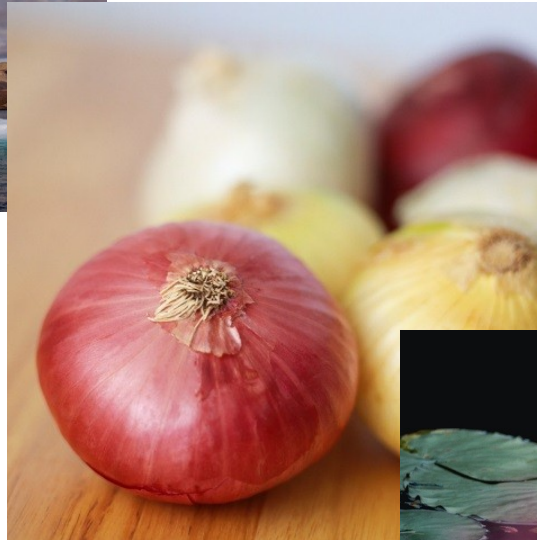


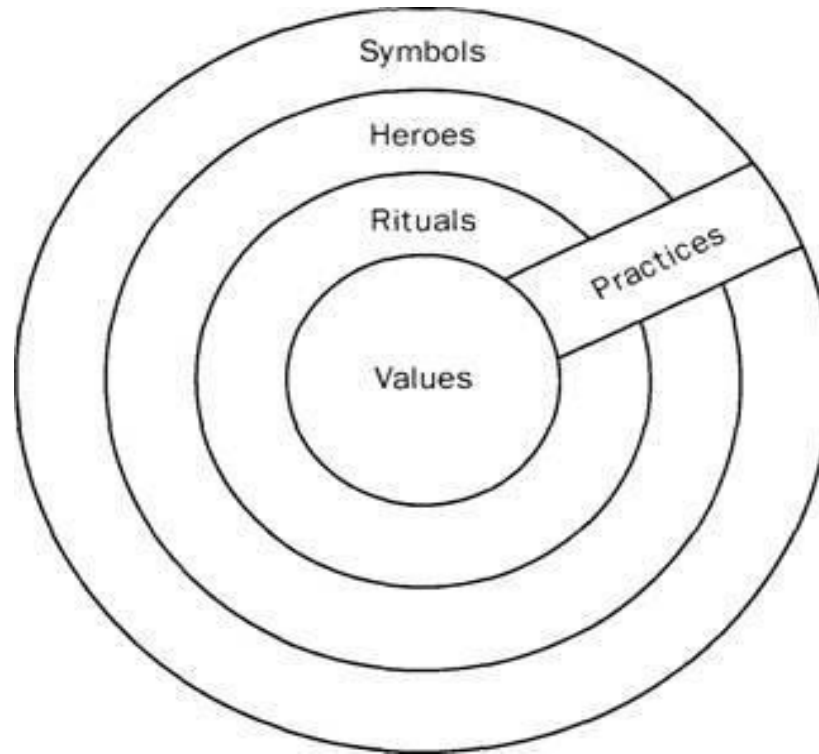
Source : Hofstede (1991)













...theories and tools



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The essentialist view (Geert Hofstede)

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