Learning in formal Education



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formal education, individual needs and societal constraints

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spiral an stage based learning models

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glocalization and resonance

learning

(static) stability → change → development → learning

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directedness

- ➤ "Learning is the process of acquiring new, or modifying existing, knowledge, behaviors, skills, values, or preferences" (Gross 2012)
- > ...
- "sustainable change in thinking and behavior"
- "Bildung" (education, formation): refers to a process of both personal and cultural maturation, latter is described as a harmonization of the individual's mind and heart and in a unification of selfhood and identity within the broader society.

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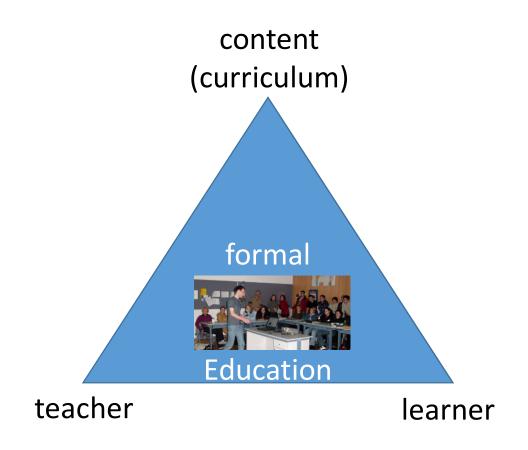
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→ dialectic problem of individual need and social demand



→ specific structure and environment

Hierarchy

Roles

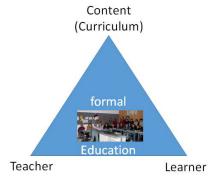
Rituals

Structures

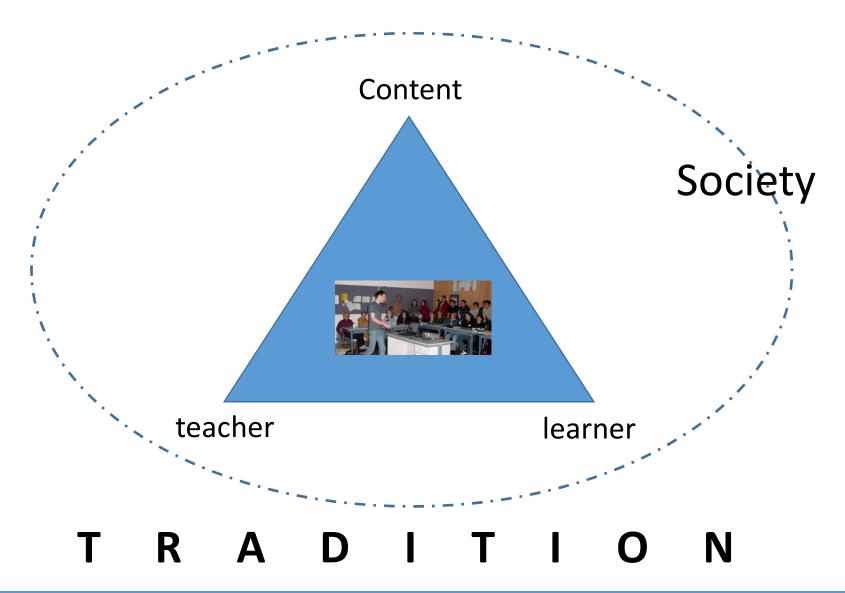
Bureaucracy

Norms
cultural Values
Standards

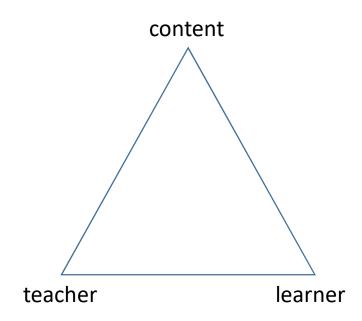
Derived from history of formal education



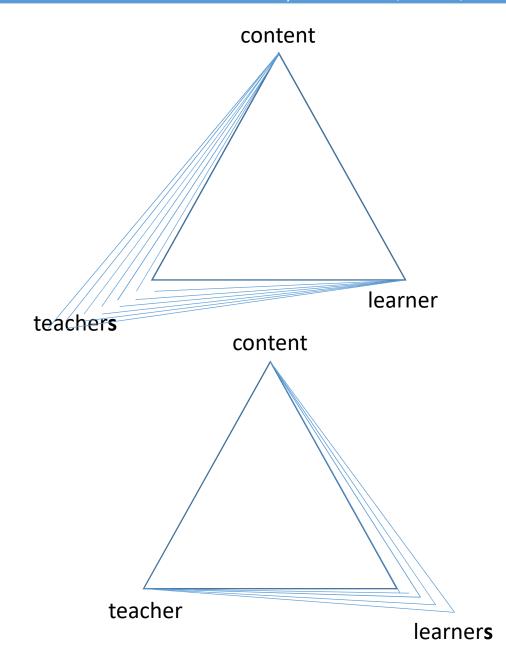
INNOVATION



Didactic Triangle Gruschka (2001)

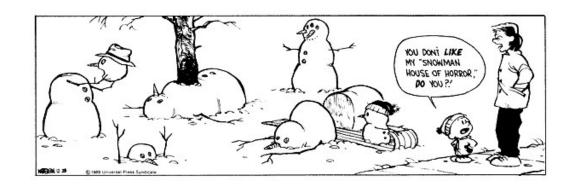


DIDACTIC TRIANGLES ←



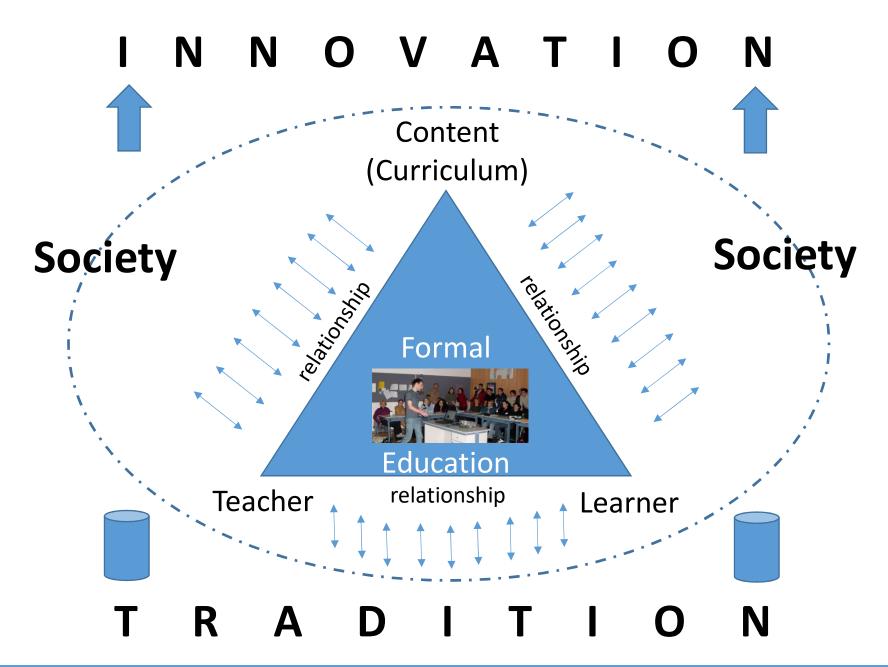
Fundamental observation:

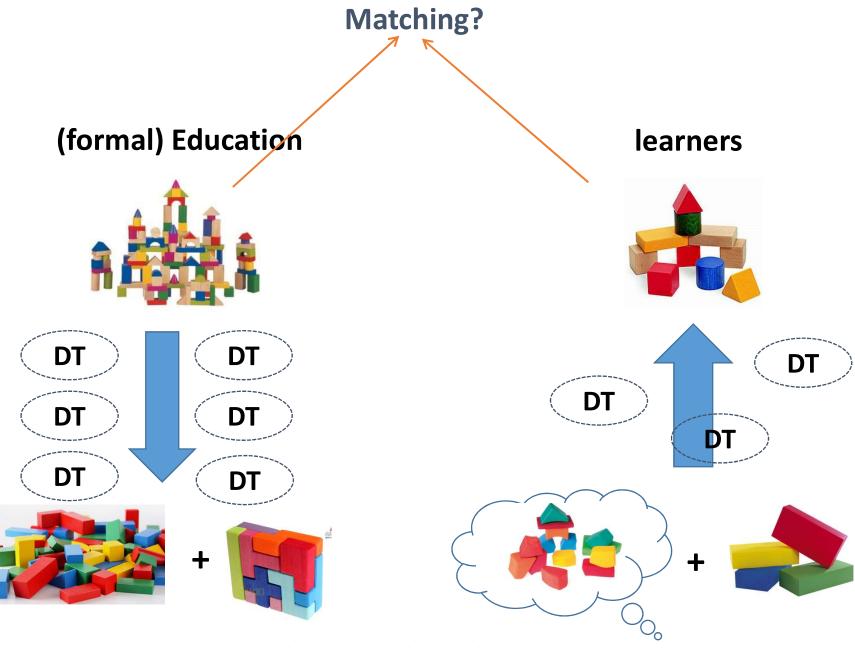
Diversity, heterogeneity, ... is the norm



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(S. Maugham "Of Human Bondage" 2000, p.303)





"A developmental task is a task which arises at or about a certain period in the life of the individual, successful achievement of which leads to his happiness and to success with later tasks, while failure leads to unhappiness in the individual, disapproval by the society, and difficulty with later tasks." (cited by Trautmann 2004, S. 23)

teaching objectices & students' perspectives

Science Social Shoties

curricular framework for education (normative)

learners' interests, needs, situation, visions



By placing sense making, competence and identity development in the middle of our diagram, we define good instruction in a new way. *Experience, in educational setting, allows sense making,* this means *growth of meaning in the Dewey sense, and growth of meaning means competence* and identity development. It is of great importance for success in learning and should receive increased weight in the analysis and evaluation of learning environments and instructional processes. (Meyer 2007, p.167)

personalisation of (formal) learning

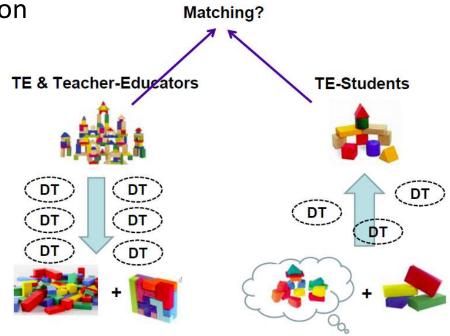
- provide a window of opportunity
- assessment free "space"

acceleration of society

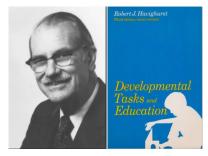
- speed as a form of metastabilisation

- resonance as answer

→ diagnose
 → differentiate
 → individualise
 → personalise



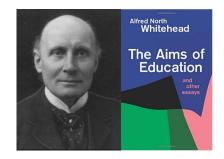
Formal education ... friction between tradition and innovation



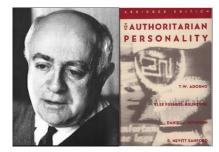
Robert Havighurst (1900 – 1991)

"A developmental task is midway between an individual need and a societal demand. It assumes an active learner interacting with an active social environment." (Havighurst 1948/72, p. vi)

"The problem of education is to make the pupil see the wood by means of the trees. [...]
Reformation must begin at the other end."
(Whitehead 1929, p. 6/8)



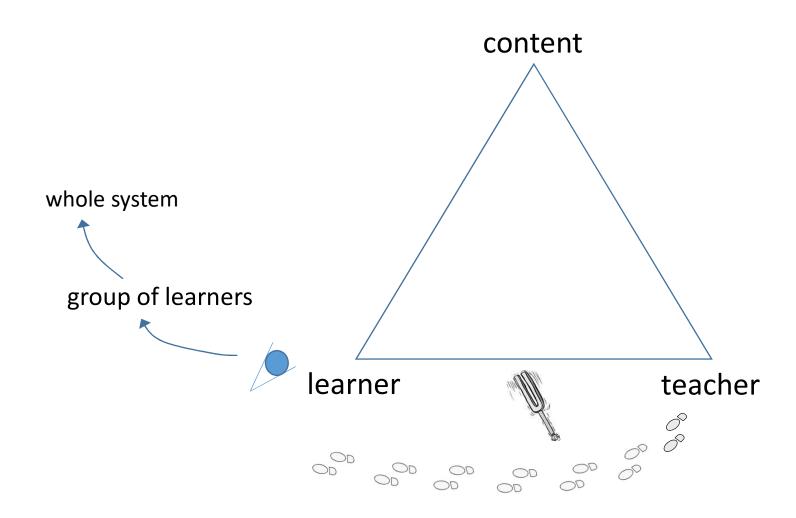
A.N. Whitehead (1861 – 1947)



Theodor W. Adorno (1903 – 1969)

- Authoritarian Personality
- Dialectic of Enlightenment (Horkheimer/Adorno. 1947).
- Half education

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Stage models of learning

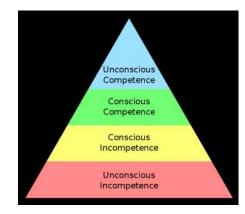
- ➤ learning is connected to directed development
- > e.g. Piaget's theory of cognitive development ('genetic' epistemologist!

Sensorimotor stage: birth to 2 years

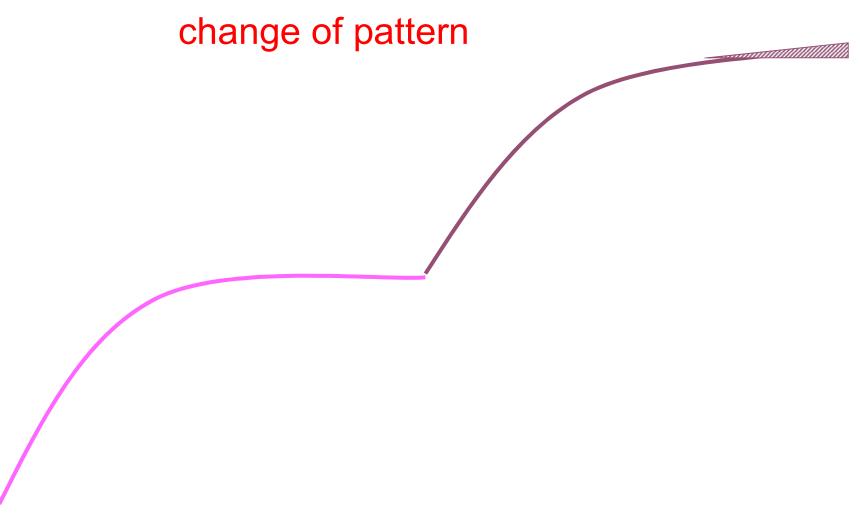
Preoperational stage: ages 2 to 7

Concrete operational stage: ages 7 to 11 Formal operational stage: ages 12 and up

> Gordon:



... what is it?



Definitions:

- → best practice: trying to achieve more by intensifying the efforts (more of the same)
- → next practice: finding a novel way of dealing with a challenge (change of pattern)
- → **shift**: (setting an intervention) to *change* the pattern

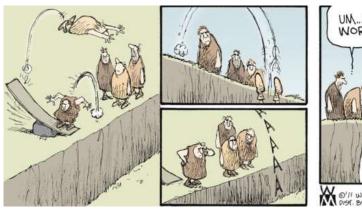
Shift from best practice to next practice ...

Best practice & Next practice	What makes the difference?
shift	What is meant?



Shift to pattern change > ~> next practice

Pattern change:

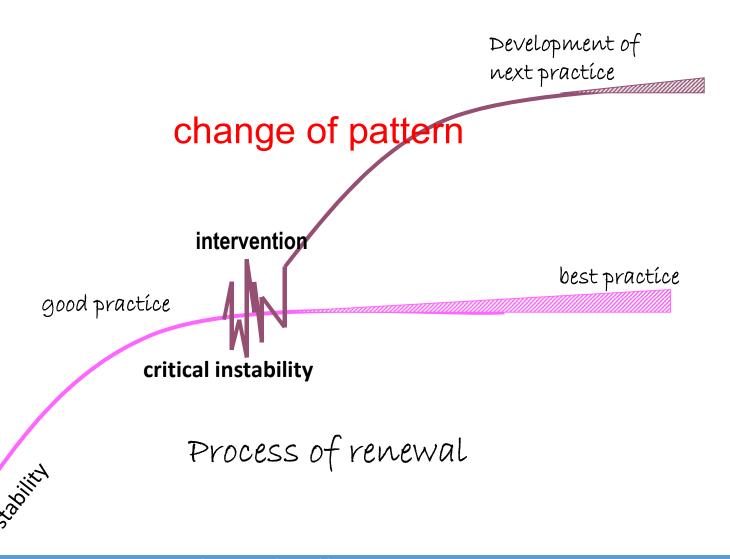




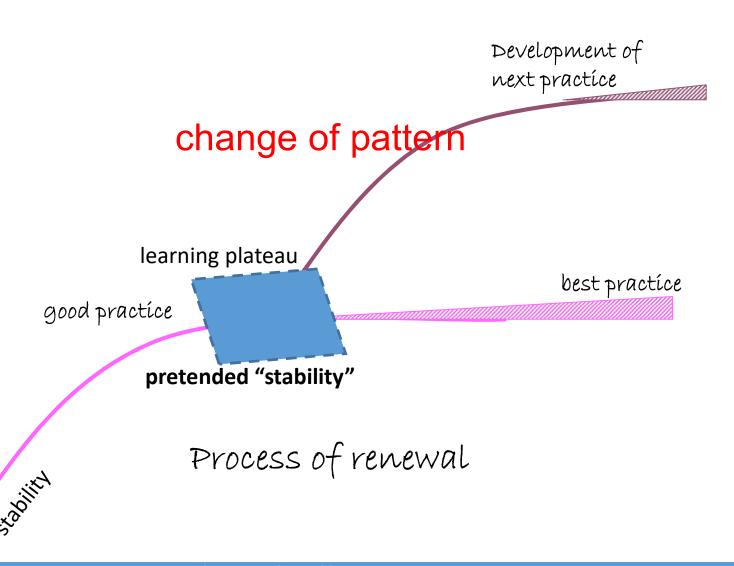
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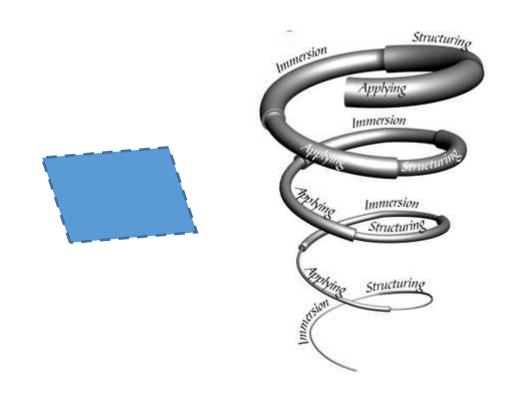


A shift from best practice to next practice



A shift from best practice to next practice





" [...] any subject can be taught effectively to any child at any stage of development" (Bruner 1960, p.33.)

"But there are certain things that have a peculiar significance for one, and they open a petal; and the petals open one by one; and at last the flower is there."

(S. Maugham "Of Human Bondage" 2000, p.368)

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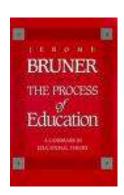
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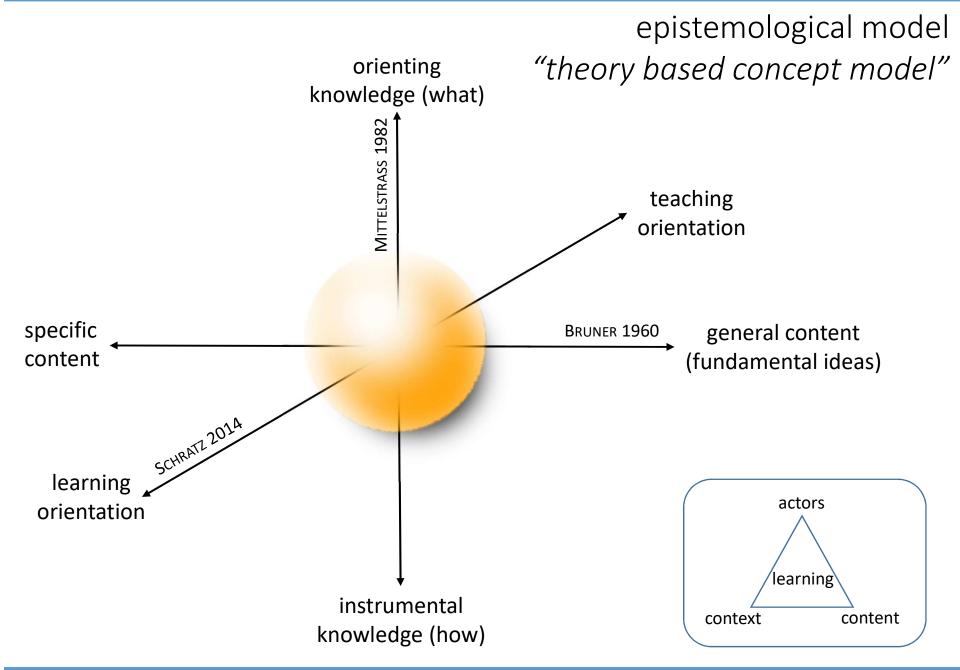
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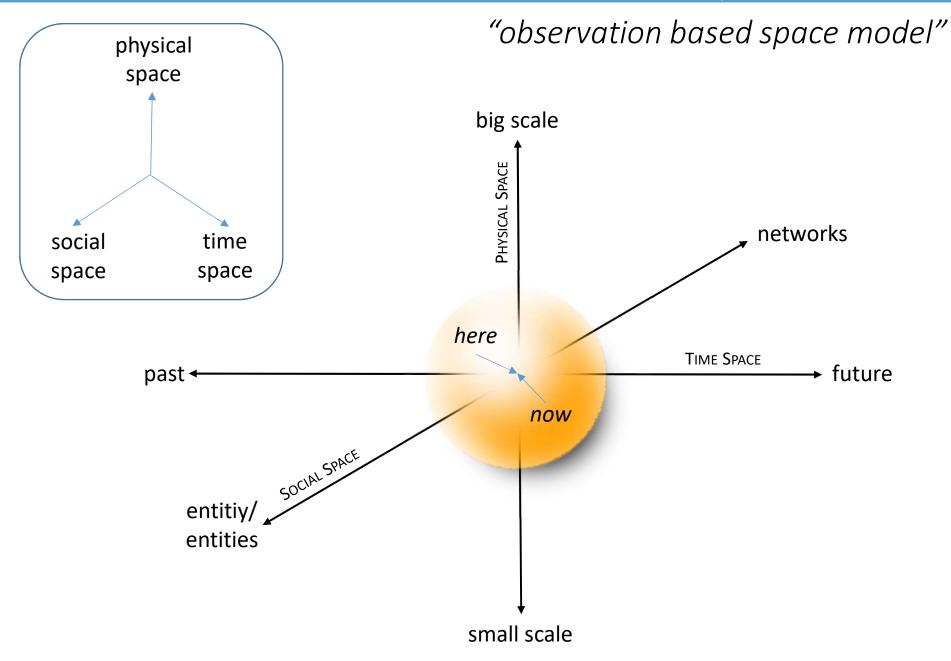
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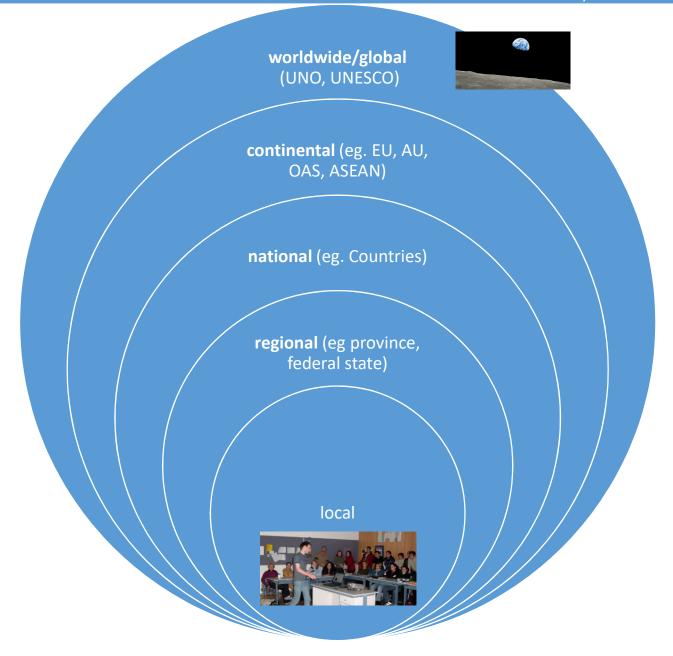


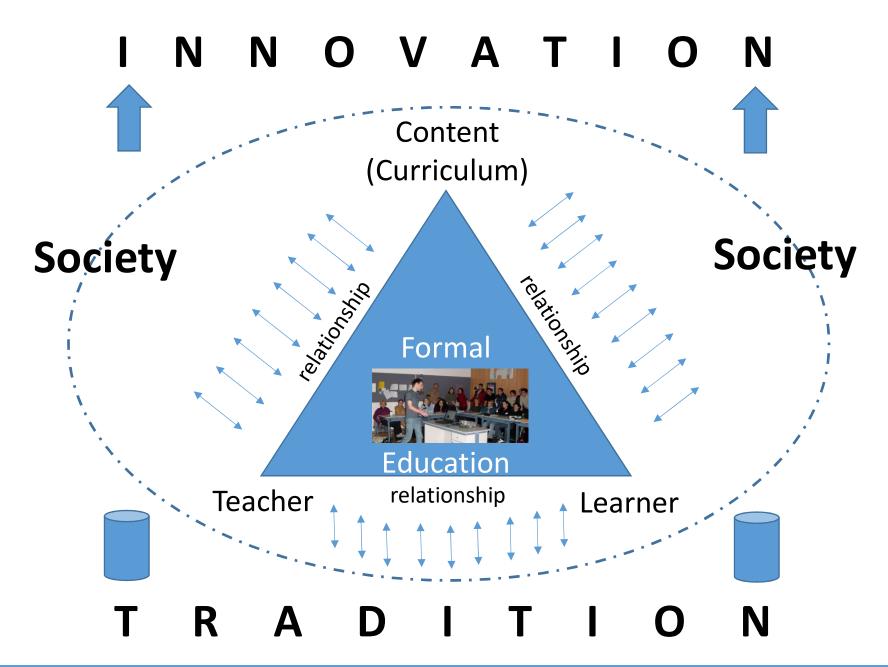


"Mastery of the fundamental ideas of a field involves not only the grasping of general principles, but also the development of an attitude toward learning and inquiry, toward guessing and hunches, toward the possibility of solving problems on one's own. [...] a young [...] student needs some working version of these attitudes if he is to organize his learning in such a way as to make what he learns usable and meaningful in his thinking." (Bruner, 1960, p. 20)





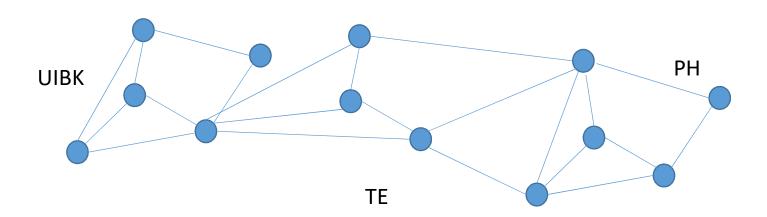


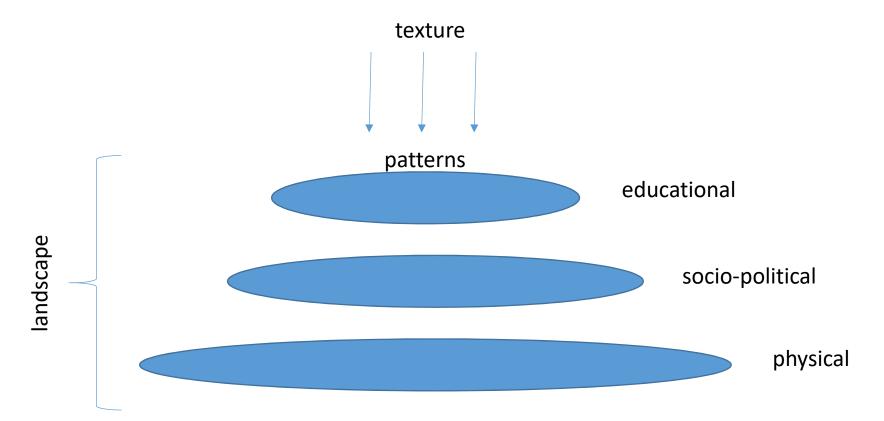


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viscousity





self similarity

- structural self similarity (similar subsystems of society)
- scale invariance driven self similarity (dochotomies)

- > Educational system as a mirror of society
- > High degree of self similarity

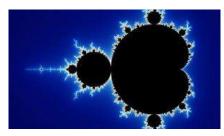


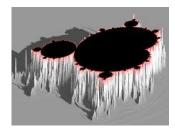




Benoît B. Mandelbrot (1924-2010)

Mandelbrot-Menge: $z_{n+1}=2_n^2+c$







Structures: the aspect of **self similarity**



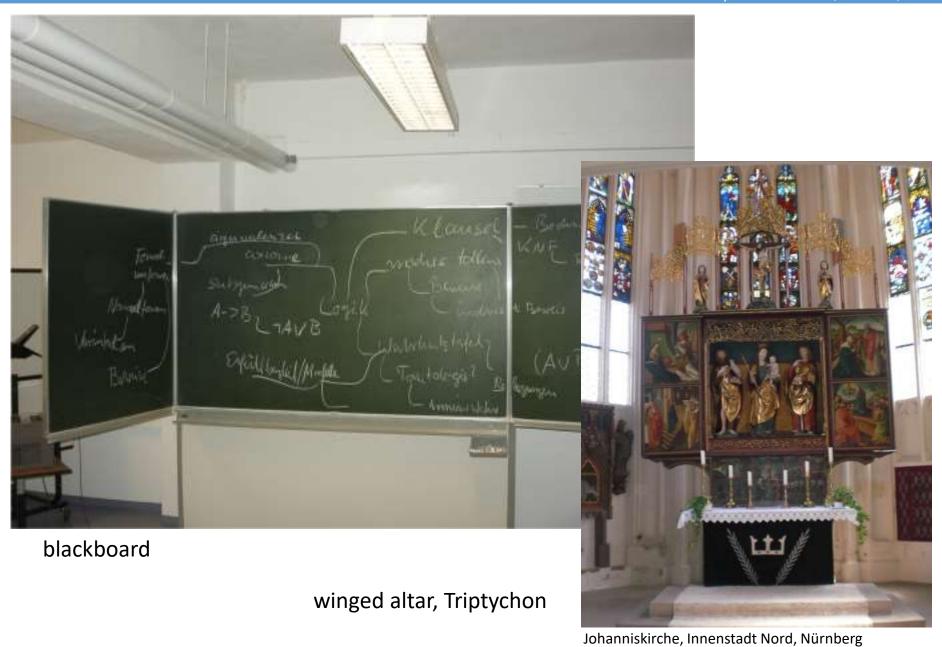
playing school

classroom





church



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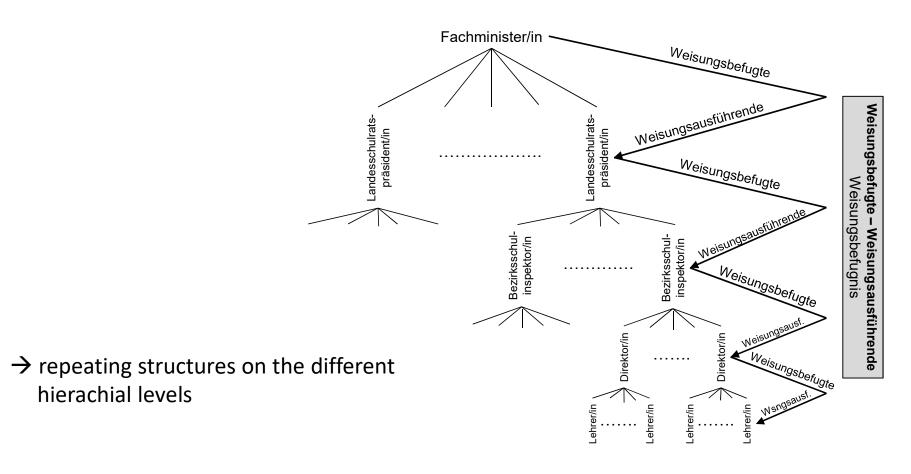
structural self similarity



school

scale invariance driven self similarity: 1) power

feature	Weisungsbefugnis	
distinction	Weisungsbefugte	Weisungsausführende
Group of people	ministry	(regional) school administration

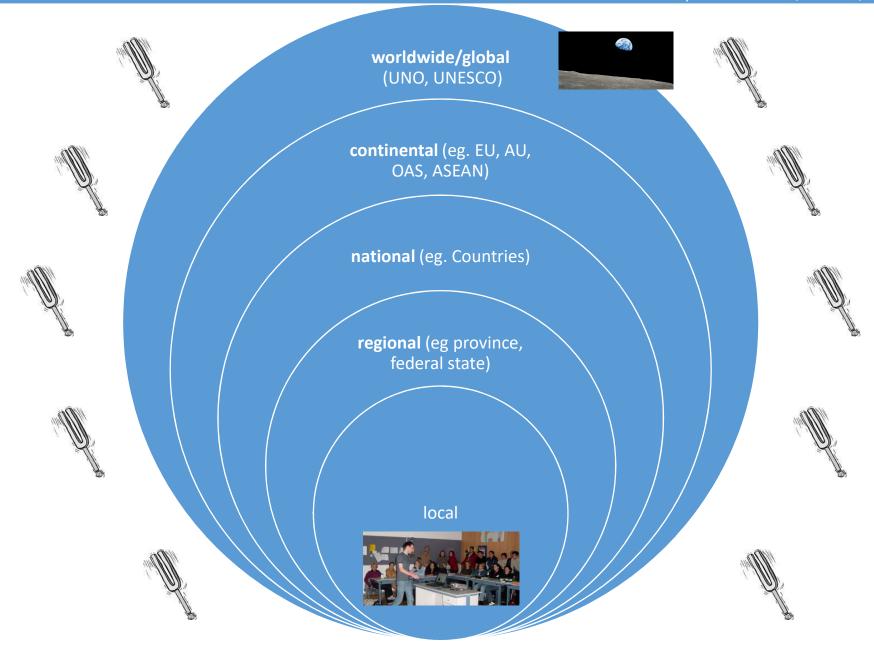


scale invariance driven self similarity: 2) knowledge

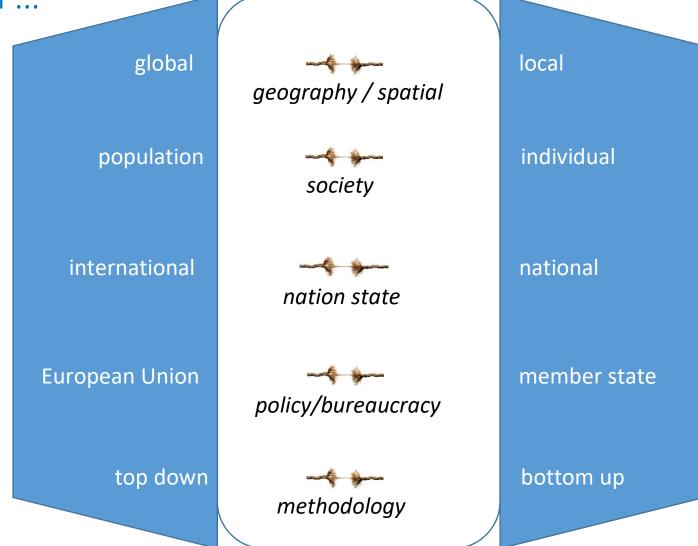
feature	konwledge	
distinction	has knowledge	gains knowledge
group of people	teachers	students

- primary school system
- secondary school system
- > tertiary school system

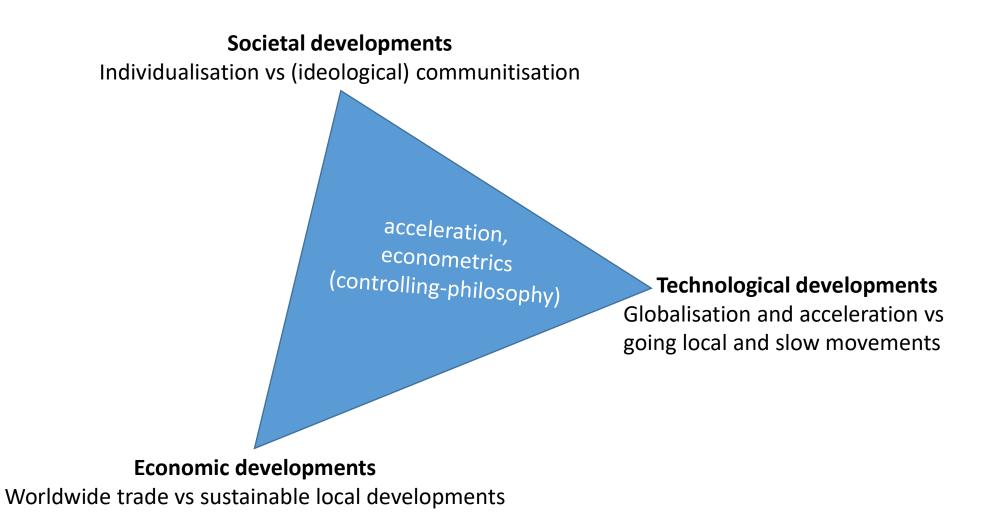
... change those viscous patterns



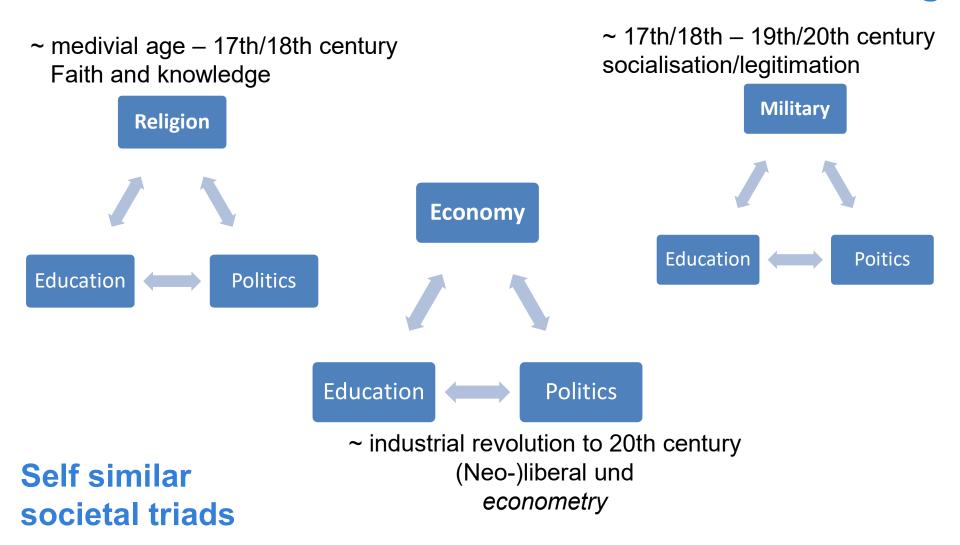
(productive) friction ...



School and formal education resonating within and mirroring society

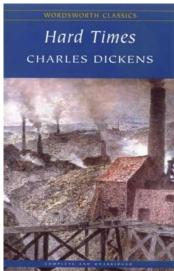


Formale Bildung

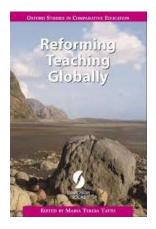


"Now, what I want is Facts. Teach these boys and girls nothing but Facts. Facts alone are wanted in life. Plant nothing else, and root out everything else. You can only form the minds of reasoning animals upon Facts; nothing else will ever be of any service to them."

(Charles Dickens, 1854)



Reforming education



Influence of educational reform on education and teachers

- → global
- → institutional

Effects of globalization in a competitive and dynamically changing global economy.

- > systemic educational **reform movements** which exert an important influence on education.
- ➤ nations states and their eduational systems respond to these global pressures within their institutions → secure compliance with globally determined standards of quality via teacher learning and practice

Outcome:

- > standards of education
- > redesigned *curricula*
- > systems of accredidation and *certification*
- → reduction of (formal) teacher autonomy by shift of control and power from local to a more "global" level

"The Fall Seminar" 2019, 30th October University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw, Poland global local ideas culture Transformation "local embeddedness of global ideas" glocalization EU global **Policy** Economy government Transspace Content lation **Forces** school **Values** Research Practice local time Two way interaction Direct International **National** Trans-Structures & **Structures** Bologna, ESF, ET2010 classroom **Actors** fer OMC, Mobility, Networks Actors Indirect EU classroom

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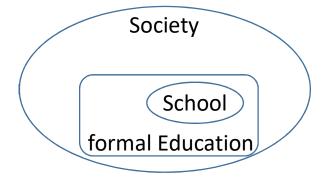
We inevitably face societal developments of

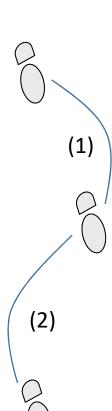
- globalisation,
- acceleration,
- > economization,
- diversification & pluralisation,
- Movement of political ideas, people, goods,...

Glocalization:

Simultaneous occurrence of both universalizing and particularizing tendencies in social, political and economic systems [dochakuka (jap.): "global localization", originally referred to the adaptation of farming techniques to local conditions]

School as a societal subsystem is a **mirror** of society.







SO HOW DO WE KNOW THAT NO-SEE-UMS EXIST? VERIFICATION IS RULED OUT BY DEFINITION!







Education

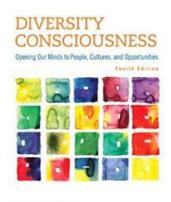
.... seems to be obvious, but ...

Why? Traditionally national education makes sense ...

- education in mother tongue
- formal education: refers to inheritance + innovation
- state driven, bureaucracy
- culturally bound → local, national, societal

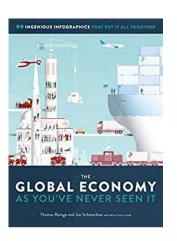
societal \rightarrow

formal education mirrors and resonates to societal developments, changes, challenges



Richard D. Bucher

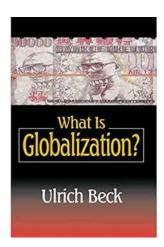




Globalization:

- > Technology (communication)
- > Economy (traffic)
- Society (heterogeneity)

Controlling, standards, norms, indicators → PISA → interconnection between global and local development



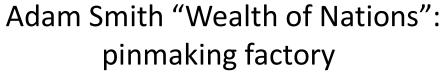
Robertson (1997), glocalization ...

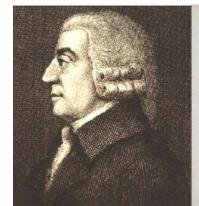
"means the simultaneity – the co-presence – of both universalizing and particularizing tendencies."

Glocal education:

Francesca Caena (2014): Comparative glocal perspectives on European teacher education, European Journal of Teacher Education, 37:1, 106-122, DOI: 10.1080/02619768.2013.845165





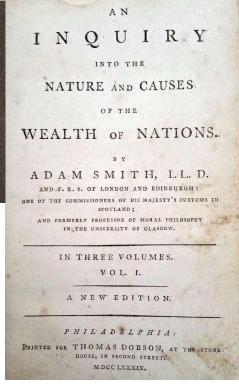


characterized by the division of labor into ever finer parts, each the province of a specialist with a tremendously developed but excruciatingly

Teachers by contrast perform a range of different tasks

→ integration

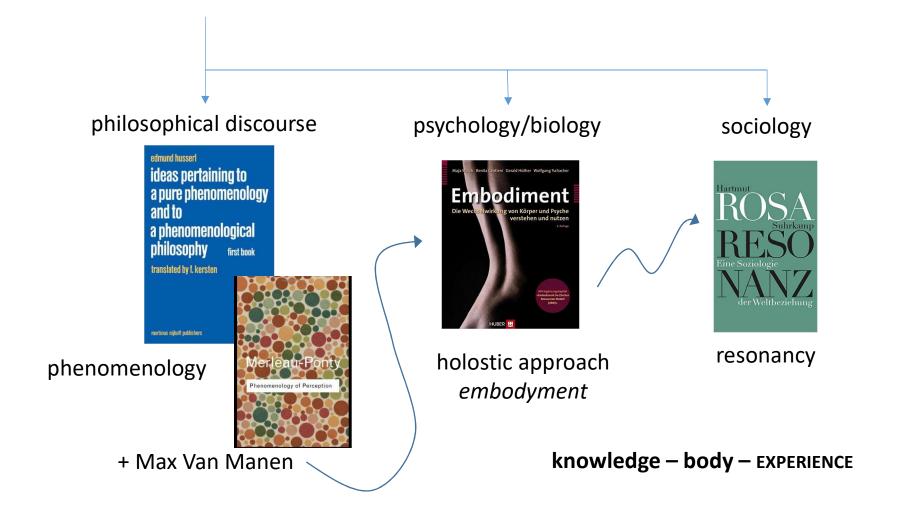
narrow expertise.



"We need standards […] to make our schools work well in solving the myriad tasks they face. But […] standards alone will not work. We need a surer sense of what to teach to whom and how to go about teaching it in such a way that it will make those taught more effective, less alienated, and better human beings." Bruner, J. (1996)





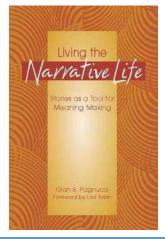


University as a laboratory of testing, reflection, place of innovation

Research and findings are based on

- creativity and ideas
- knowledge and competences
- individual biographies and collaborations

Importance of people/researchers and ideas





Hierarchy Roles Rituals Derived from history of formal education **Structures** Bureaucracy degree of scientific confirmation Norms & standards high consensus high consensus low evidence high evidence degree of consensus low consensus low consensus low evidence high evidence opinion-driven evidency based teacher education teacher education

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"They ran their heads very hard against wrong ideas, and persisted in trying to *fit the circumstances to the ideas*, instead of *trying to extract ideas from the circumstances*"

Charles Dickens, "Great Expectations", p.114 (Chapter 16), Penguin Popular Classics

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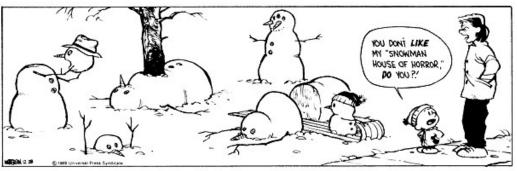
→ tranquility: 無爲



→ fault tolerance



→ quantum of insanity



 \rightarrow creativity and ...



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