



MULTI-CULTURAL EDUCATION AS VIEWED FROM THE ANGLE OF CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY: PARADOXES AND POTENTIALS

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Any multi-cultural perspective that can be constructive for education needs to be based on tolerance of differences and learning from such differences between persons, social groups, and societies. Tolerance is rare in human social life where different political and economic interests as well as interpersonally emerging jealousies work towards establishment of partitions that set the stage for emergence and fixation of conditions of intolerance.

Contemporary cultural psychology includes three sub-areas -- work on social representations, on dialogical self, and on semiotic regulation -- that can be of use in the blocking of the emergence of new versions of intolerance or neutralize the existing ones. Contexts of multi-cultural education can be arenas for mutually trustful educational settings.

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