EDST 518 (022)

Theories and Research on Adult Learning

Term: Winter II (Jan. 6 to Apr. 8 2014)
Time: Thur. 4:30 to 7:30pm
Classroom: West Mall Annex Room 216

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Course Description

At the heart of all adult education practices is an understanding of adult learning. This course immerses students in some of the learning theories and research. It examines some of the neurological perspectives of learning, self-directed learning, transformative learning, and some attempts at holistic understanding of adult learning. It also explores the embodied, emotional and spiritual dimensions of learning, and some sociocultural and sociomaterial learning perspectives including communities of practice, cultural historical activity theories, and practice-based learning theories. It further examines the connections between critical theory, postmodernism and feminism and learning, as well as some non-Western perspectives of learning. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to develop a critical appreciation of the theories while attending to how these theories could inform their teaching, learning and other educational or work practices.

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