

GPHD8211 : Ethics and Multicultural Issues in Psychology

What is the importance and place of ethics in the study of psychology? Do we have a universal metaethics from which we can evaluate the psychology of people and cultures? How do we build a multicultural society involving diverse and plural ethics? What are some of the cardinal roadblocks in creating harmonious relationships among peoples of various cultures and ethnicities? These are some of the questions that we addressed in this course, with the help of postmodern approaches involving Social Constructivism of Kenneth Gergen, the idea of multiple objective worlds of Richard Shweder, and postcolonial critiques of Linda Tuhiwai Smith and Frantz Fanon. A postmodern evaluation of the thoughts of the aforementioned thinkers will help us in the formulation of our own creative approaches towards addressing the topic of this course.

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