

Language, Discourse(s) and Power – Relations: A Post-Structural Perspective

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The content of presentation

- (1) Language as Discourse
- (2) Power Relations
- (3) Examples

Grbich (2004) argued that two dominant areas of Post-Structuralism are Discourse (Foucault) and Deconstruction (Derrida)

The definition of Discourse

“...as practices that systematically *form* the objects of which they speak...” (Foucault, 2010, p.49, emphasis added)

“Discourses are more than ways of giving meaning to the world; they imply forms of *social organization* and *social practices*, at *different historical times*, which *structure* institutions and *constitute* individuals as *thinking, feeling* and *acting* subjects” (Walshaw, 2007, p.19, emphasis added).

Power Relations

Follow sees power is not an entity but an abstract thing to be exercised (Gallagher, 2008: pp; 397-401; Wahyudi, 2018; Wahyudi, 2020).

- (1) Power is actions over actions
- (2) Power is diverse
- (3) Power is dispersed
- (4) Start at the smallest scale
- (5) Investigate effects not intensions

(6) Power as government

Example:

Wahyudi & Chusna (2018, pp: 165-167)

Where 'power' circulates from a teacher to elementary school students and vice versa through resistance

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