DMIN 727: Hermeneutics of Race, Class, Gender, and Age

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Course Description: The course begins with the notion that everything is an interpretation and interrogates the often-assumed interpretations to be objective, neutral and universal. We will explore and examine how interpretation takes place, what comes into the process of interpretation (multitude across time and space), and the ever-shifting ways in which individuals and collectives engage in the process of interpretation and meaning-making with texts and events to say the least. The course intends to use critical engagement with texts, lectures, and discussions to examine how interpretations can become 'normative' while others are dismissed/marginalized/deauthorized. To do this, the course examines race, class, gender and age as analytic frames for hermeneutics.