

Language, Culture and Activity
XMCA Mini-course/Discussion
June/July 2005

June 13 - 19: facilitated by Steven Thorne and Phil Chappell

A Preliminary Reading on Tools and Signs

Vygotsky, L. S. (1997). The Collected works of L.S. Vygotsky Volume 4: The History of the Development of Higher Mental Functions. New York ; London: Plenum Press, pp 54; 59-63

Activity and Additional Language Learning: the Russian Perspective and a "Linguistics of Communicative Activity"

Leontiev, A.A. (1981). Speech and Communication, in Psychology and the Language Learning Process. Oxford: Pergamon, pp 21-28

Lantolf, J., & Thorne, S.L. (in press) Introduction, in Sociocultural Theory and the Genesis of Second Language Development. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

June 20 - 26: facilitated by Gordon Wells

Meaning Making in Educational Activity: Vygotsky and Halliday

Halliday, M. A. K. (1993). Towards a language-based theory of learning. *Linguistics and Education*, 5(2), 93-116.

Wells (1999). The complementary contributions of Halliday and Vygotsky to a 'language-based theory of learning'. In *Dialogic Inquiry: Toward a Sociocultural Practice and Theory of Education* (pp. 3-50). New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

June 27 - July 3: facilitated by Harry Daniels with Ruqaiya Hasan

Mediating, Mediator, Mediatee and the Mediated: Unpacking Semiotic Mediation

Hasan R. (manuscript) Semiotic mediation, language and society: three exotropic theories - Vygotsky, Halliday and Bernstein

Hasan, R. (2002). Semiotic Mediation and Mental Development in Pluralistic Societies: Some Implications for Tomorrow's Schooling. In *Learning for life in the 21st century: sociocultural perspectives on the future of education* (pp. 112-26). Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers.

July 3 ->Further Reading

Bernstein, B. (1999). Vertical and Horizontal Discourse: an essay. *British Journal of Sociology of Education*, 20(2), 157-74.

Marjanovic-Shane, A. Components of Metaphoric Proposition, Chapter 4.

Other suggested readings and discussions

- **Papers available at <http://communication.ucsd.edu/MCA/Paper/index.html>**
- **Join up or simply view the discussion at <http://communication.ucsd.edu/MCA/Mail/index.html>**