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When is appropriation misappropriation?

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6 continents, 52 countries, 112
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Imposition?

80% of cultural beliefs and practices
come from other cultures. In our
field this includes

Pedagogies

Cultural histories

Spiritual beliefs and practices

Grabbed or dumped



Earth Education

Canoe

Skiing

Yoga

Vision Quest



Canoes: a critical reflection



Diminished or transformed



When a cultural artefact or practice moves from one culture to another it can be transformed - meaning and purpose changed, history retold, new stories acquired - or it can emerge stripped of everything losing all the richness of its past place and history - simply functional.

Transformation



Fire ceremony

Labyrinth

Tai chi

Tall ships

Forest school



Transformation: an analysis





Transcultural theory

Like currents in a river - separate strands, merging, growing, diminishing, submerging, appearing - each with its own character.

Power

"Every human is like all other humans,
some other humans, and no other
human"

- Clyde Kluckhohn



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Ethical filters for cultural transfer

Acknowledgement

Critical transformation

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