One classroom, many worlds: Teaching and learning in the cross-cultural classroom.

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Jacklyn Blake Clayton (2003)
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Multiculturalism is an attitude toward all of life [. . .] understanding on the self and the ass
Multiculturalism means being proud of the cultural diversity [and] giving up the melting p

One Classroom, Many Worlds, as one can infer from the title and Jacklyn Clayton's previou
of different nature, and many races and lands. Jacklyn Clayton focuses on the cross cultura
of immigrant cultures bring into the classroom from diverse points of view. Thus, the boo
researchers in the field of culture in school settings.

Based on the Kluckhohn model of Value Orientations (Kluckhohn and Strodbeck 1961; Or

writer's own idea of the middle class prototypical American teacher, this book analyses be
over the world as seen by typical 'American teachers and people's expectations' (if such ty
writer seems to state two unwritten main hypotheses: first, immigrants' behaviors are see
the common American school teacher; and, second, there are no universals in human valu
hypotheses, the author challenges all the school bodies to change their way of looking at t
multicultural and welcoming academic atmosphere.

The book is divided into nine chapters with a clear orientation that moves from theoretica
finally address the same issue in the school context. The structure of each chapter adheres

1. The chapter begins with a case study which is solved through the chapter and conclu
   the end of the very same chapter.
2. Then the author addresses the theoretical framework with many examples to clearly
3. Each chapter also includes some reflective exercises and questions under the headir
   application titled 'Try this'. They are self visible as the author displays these exercise
   and think before going onto the following section.
   [-1-]

Besides, at the end of book there is an interesting and extensive bibliography (more than 7
mentions to previous works in the same field from authors like Genelle Morain, a true pio
Lantolf or Kauchru, there is little question that the author is more centered in school envir
authors she mentions are self representative of the interdisciplinary approach she uses.

In reference to the thematic distribution, as stated above, the book is divided into nine cha
chapter is ideological, utopian and full of hope. The rest of the book is distributed in the fo

- *Chapter One* addresses general issues of culture stressing ethnocentrism as a univer
  reader's ideas about one's cultural perspectives, cultural patterns transfer, and also
  stereotyping.

- *Chapter Two* points out the necessity to discriminate between our expectations of th
  achieve this goal, Clayton explains the concept of socialization as cultural transformi

- *Chapter Three* tries to illustrate how cultures differ not only geographically in the wo
  like). As other relevant researchers (Simoes 1981; Scott 1994; Yang 1998), Clayton ba
  Klockhohn's culture framework which explains and differentiates cultural patterns a
  also makes a distinction between the cultures aimed at 'being' and 'doing'.

- *Chapter Four* pays special attention to cultural approaches to learning and makes a

styles and social approaches to school procedures (including expected the school's c

- *Chapter Five* addresses a number of issues related to language, thought and how stu
  information and pragmatic discourse oddness is reflected in the speakers' attitudes a
  in peer or teacher–student interaction). It also claims the importance of mutual resp

- *Chapter Six* looks at forms and meanings of non verbal communication and how spa
  cultures.

- *Chapter Seven* studies the modes of acculturation (Berry, Kin and Boski, 1988) and th
  society, at home and in school. The fact that peers and teachers ignore the process o
  individual's behavior makes socializing communication extremely difficult at times.
  teachers working with such newcomers by familiarizing themselves with these accul
  probably miss some type of tables to summarize the differences across cultures.

- *Chapter Eight* emphasizes the practitioner teachers' need to go beyond their expecta
  understand and learn from their pupils' cultural patterns to acquire an acculturated-
  and out the class (including the relation with parents as well). [-2-]

Throughout the book, Clayton challenges the teachers' idea that 'all the people are exactly
some different and interdisciplinary perspectives: linguistic, sociological, anthropological
amusing and reader-friendly and full of illustrative anecdotes but also culturally biased. In
middle class teachers' attitudes towards their immigrant students, Clayton unintentionally
been a secondary teacher I in Spain for eight years I have also shared some of the feelings
mostly interested in the content, I find it difficult to identify myself with the problems and
constantly addresses this "white middle class American teachers" (p. 79, 97 and many oth
audience but one wonders how much non-American teachers would learn from this excel

Overall, after reading this book, I believe it is quite thorough and extensive in its coverage.
the topic from theory to practice and those practical ideas ('Try this' and 'Journal time') m
he can understand, comprehend and sympathize with the newcomers to his own class. Fo
bit de-contextualized but also worth to a read due to the different topics covered in the tex
reader to keep always in mind that the book is not an end in itself but a starting point for p
international readers and also the American ones really learn and love something when it
will find that *One Classroom, Many Worlds: Teaching and learning in the cross-cultural clas
because it is very attractively written and deep in its invitation to self commit in providing
(native and immigrant). Clayton offers us the opportunity to change our ways, thought an
in the modern America (and the rest of the World) classrooms. Consequently, I would cert
practicing teachers or public administrators in multicultural settings who will find the boo

One last word

Anyone interested in Clayton's work should visit any of the following websites:

http://www.alma.edu/academics/education/atrisk.htm
http://www.bu.edu/education/faculty/profiles/clayton.html

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