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Inner Life in the Age of Distraction Conference-reflections with Fabio Merlini



What do we mean when we speak of "inner life"? To which resource exactly are we referring? And again: is it really an asset?

Today we are subject to a form of distraction which can even be characterised as some kind of ruse which functions for economic value, as it ensures our receptivity anywhere when required, by messages, information, images, assignments and performances. The means by which we communicate, work and find information, with their pervasiveness, define the schizo-topical, placing us in spaces elsewhere to our physical location. In this context, being constantly distracted means "living beside oneself", an extroversion where, mostly, the experience of the time available features discontinuity and fragmentation. What happens, in this context, to one's inner life and in what sense should education serve as an antidote to the dispersion of the self in the flow of the network?

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INFORMATION

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