

Questioni di potere: costruzione sociale della logica simbolica della percezione sensoriale e discriminazione

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Matters of Power: the Social Construction of the Symbolic Logic of Sensory Perception and Discrimination

Abstract: The paper discusses Gianfrancesco Zanetti's proposal to examine the relations between perception and vulnerability stressing the importance of taking on a social constructionist perspective focused on power. It proposes to shift attention from vulnerability – which is presumed to focus attention on the intrinsic characteristics of the 'victims' – to discrimination in order to highlight how human perception is oriented by the effort/necessity to draw boundaries that can define who is included and who is not.

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