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Unsettling 'Culture': Productive Tensions and Challenges in Psychological theorizing

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Culture is a contested terrain. It is both a critical and conservative force. The talk will move dialectically between these polarities - raising interminable questions as a method of deconstructing and reforming Culture in Psychology. Culture in Psychology is variously understood - as a contextual dimension, as distinct but related to social, as a marker of difference from the Universal. Critical examination of the Cultural concept in Cross- Cultural, Cultural and Indigenous-Decolonial psychological theorizing reveals several problematic assumptions that underwrite it. But does the Critical framework need to be culturalized too? Can the imagination of Indigenous-Decolonial cultural understandings move beyond the Western taxonomies and secular logics?

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