



WHY EDUCATION HURTS?

From Romantic Fantasy to Misery and Then What?

Kristiina Brunila

Professor

AGORA for the study of social justice and equality in education

-research centre

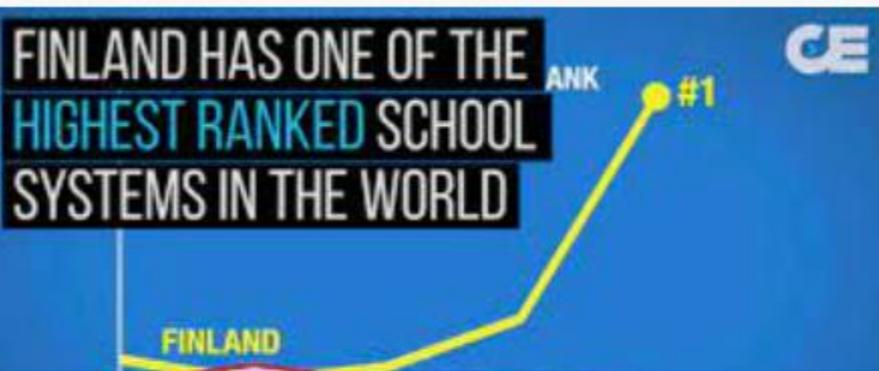
Future Trajectories of Precision Education Governance(FuturEd

-research project

Interrupting the Youth Support Systems in the Ethos of

Vulnerability(GoSupport)

-research project



Finland has the best schools in the world, again

Miracle of Education

The Principles and Practices of Teaching and Learning in Finnish Schools

Miracle of Education

The Principles and Practices of Teaching and Learning in Finnish Schools (Second Revised Edition)

Finnish Education – equal opportunities

Why Finland has the Best Education System in the World

Reason #3

All Finnish Teachers have a Master's Degree.

THE FINLAND PHENOMENON

INSIDE THE WORLD'S MOST SURPRISING SCHOOL SYSTEM



Why Finland's Education System Is One Of The Best In The World



AGORA

for the Study of Social Justice and Equality in Education

Why education hurts

- **We are losing education as a public good**
- **We are losing the ideal that education is fair, democratic and for everyone**
- **While education's public discourses have enhanced equality, equity, social justice, human rights and so on, in practice, educational systems have ended up reproducing inequalities**



AGORA

for the Study of Social Justice and Equality in Education

Some of the central changes in education

- **More nuanced understanding of education might be needed**
- **Whole education system is going through significant changes with substantial outcomes that predict more inequalities**
- **New interests, agendas, sciences and networks are shaping education and setting more pressure on education's future role in a society**
- **Structural and societal issues and inequalities such as racism, exclusion and poverty turn into highly individualized psycho-emotional behavioral problems**



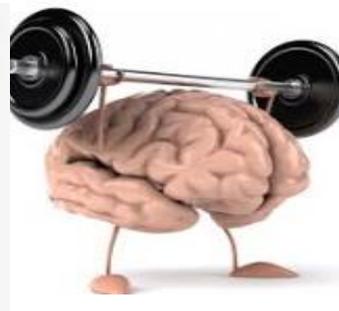
Precision education governance (PEG)

- PEG is an umbrella concept referring to:
- increasingly transnational nature and globalization of education governance (EU, OECD, WTO, World Bank, UNESCO etc.)
- emergence of powerful partnerships and agendas influencing education (marketization, privatization, digitalization, datafication, edu-tech-business)
- use of behavioural and life sciences in education to deliberately shape human conduct.



AGORA

for the Study of Social Justice and Equality in Education



How to plan and monitor effective teaching and learning



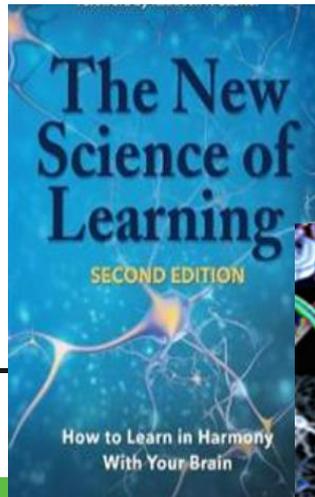
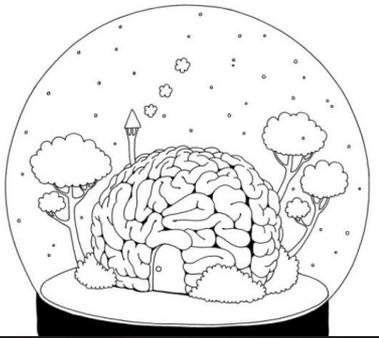
Precision Education Initiative: Moving Towards Personalized Education

Precision education

What could the future of teaching and learning look like?

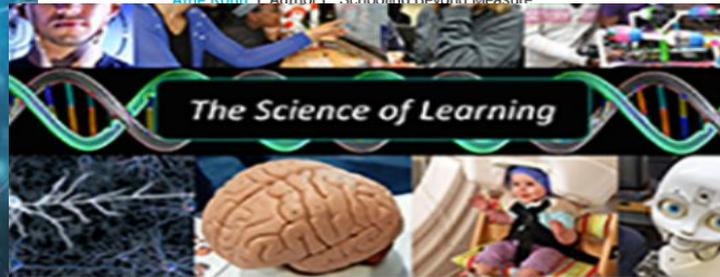
Advancing the science and practice of precision education to enhance student outcomes

Precision Teaching in the Primary Classroom webcast



IT'S BEHAVIORISM ON A SCREEN."

Alfie Kohn | Author | "Schooling Beyond Measure"



PRECISION MEASUREMENT PROCESS

- Pinpoint**
 - Process of identifying meaningful targets to increase or decrease
 - Set in a standard language to ease communication across teams
- Record**
 - Focus on observable actions and thoughts that can be counted accurately and reliably
 - Display them on a standard tool for quick analysis (e.g., Standard Celeration Chart)
- Change**
 - Identify if the data are going in the intended direction (is it working?)
 - Make a data-based decision to continue as is, or make a change to how you handle your personal target or goal
- Try Again**
 - If the target isn't where you would like it, then try again (e.g., the learner's data showed you how to better approach the situation)
 - Everyone can learn, provided the right care and teaching strategies are identified



Precision Education in Neurology: The impact of student learning preference on predicting knowledge, skills, and satisfaction by type of learning environment in neurology (P1.055)



AGORA

for the Study of Social Justice and Equality in Education



AGORA

for the Study of Social Justice and Equality in Education



And then what...

What do we do with hurt?

[bell hooks, We Will Always Rage On With You \(truthout.org\)](https://www.truthout.org/bell-hooks-we-will-always-rage-on-with-you)

OP-ED | RACIAL JUSTICE

bell hooks, We Will Always Rage On With You



Author and cultural critic bell hooks poses for a portrait on December 16, 1996, in New York City.

KARJEAN LEVINE / GETTY IMAGES

BY

George Yancy, TRUTHOUT

PUBLISHED

December 21, 2021

SHARE



When I received the news of the passing of bell hooks, I was stopped in my tracks. Yet, there was a sense of closure, an answer to a question that had weighed heavily upon me in the last few months. You see, bell, who left us on December 15, 2021, wasn't just a public intellectual to me, a prominent writer; she was a friend. I was fortunate enough to have been one of the people she entrusted with her personal phone number. The last time that we spoke she said that she had not been feeling well. She mentioned that she had pain in her hands and that this prevented her from writing. Hearing this from someone so prolific, from someone who takes deep pleasure in writing as a mode of heartfelt communication and radical resistance, there was a sense that the body attacks in ways that incapacitate us from engaging in our most treasured and edifying activities.

- **the classroom, with all its limitations, remains a location of possibility. In that field of possibility we have the opportunity to labor for freedom, to demand of ourselves and our comrades, an openness of mind and heart that allows us to face reality even as we collectively imagine ways to move beyond boundaries, to transgress. This is education as the practice of freedom.” (bell hooks)**
- **“Education is a site of radicality; it ought to speak to their souls. It ought to leave them vulnerable and aware of the weight of human suffering, and the desire to do something about it. How else will they learn how to transgress, to disrupt problematic boundaries and hegemonic orders.”(George Yancy)**



AGORA

for the Study of Social Justice and Equality in Education