



Hi Jabe,

As you know, since you infected me with the practice virus a few years ago, I have been struggling with rebalancing my mental models. So to cure me from any remnants of individualism, I checked into the Lancaster Practice Theory Spa for their 5 day rehab treatment from where I am sending this postcard.

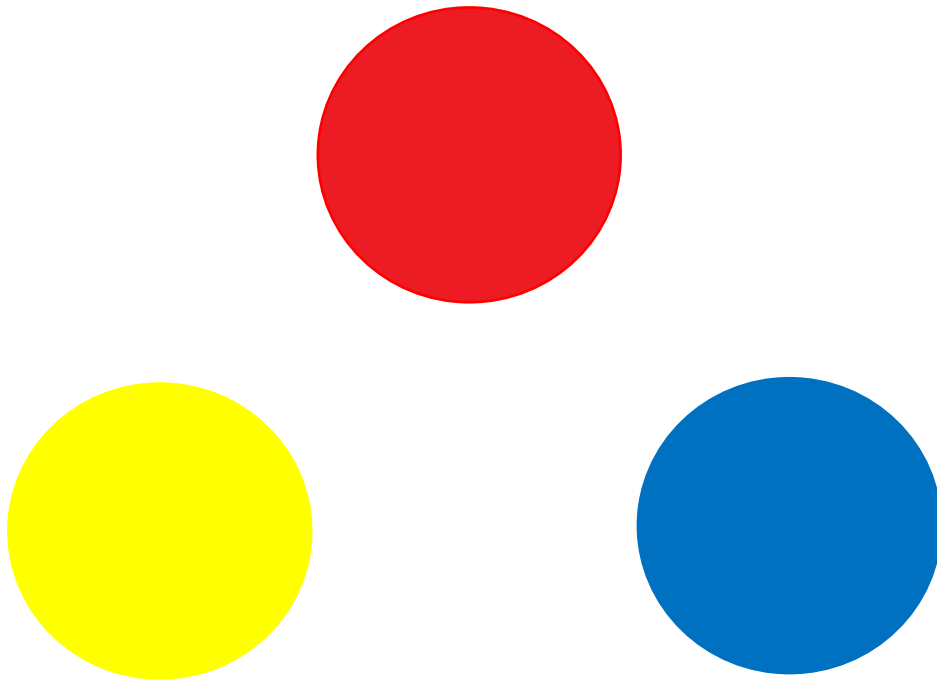
I can only recommend that you visit at the next opportunity. The daily brain massages flattened my ontology, so I can stretch again my analytical joints to breathtaking scales. The daily fitness training around the various Practice Theory avenues increased my stamina to stay with the trouble, and I learned how to balance my propensity for context dependency with practice dependency, so now I have multiscopic 20:20 vision (but I still need my glasses). And then there is the material.. well, I will never look at any material in the same way and will eagerly watch what role it plays next.

I even got a few minutes here and there wrestling directly with the experts, although those encounters were too brief and have left me slightly rattled. They never let me know whether I actually scored at all. At least I keep access to all facilities until the fall, so I can continue the work outs on my own free of charge.

To top it off, I learned from my fellow spa visitors as well, which were all deeply impressive individuals, once I got to know them a little and I will miss their company.

Well, the only other thing I wanted you to know.. That Blue guy? He's cooking something up with process philosophy. I expect it to be a feast and cannot wait.

Speak soon, Marc



Dear supervisor!

Greetings from the Digital space of Lancaster University! Today is my last day at the Course of Practice Theory, and what a journey this have been. I am looking forward to exploring this interesting and intricate research-field further after this.

It has been some intensive days here, with content that I am really coursing to explore further, and I have learned a lot already! At the same time, I know how much I could develop my knowledge, because something doesn't make any sense at all 😊 But this I hope will change when I get a chance to digest it all. At the same time, I have learned a lot from participant from all over the world, got to know people I wouldn't get in touch with at a regular basis, and I have learned from lectures that is really inspiring. It has been heaps of new information, and I hope that I can manage to transfer some of this knowledge into my own research.

See you soon – I take with me some new articles to when we meet!
Wish you a great week in the nice spring-weather in Norway 😊

Kind Regards

Ingvild



Space-Time II **by Theo van Doesburg**

Hi, a lot happened in just 5 days ~
 after a lot of collective digging in the
 grounds of what it means to take practices as a
 central unit of conceptualization, I have come
 out with a lot of things

drawing energy through
 society

sequenced, come together, synchronized

how we can put the
 PT trojan horse for
 sale through design

that I am really excited to adress and think
 about in and through the things that we'll be
 making together!

besides, I picked up on some creative ways to
 do online teaching! I foresee that we will,
 like in the course, can have some very
 fruit(food)ful discussions :)

See you soon-ish!

Dear Allison,

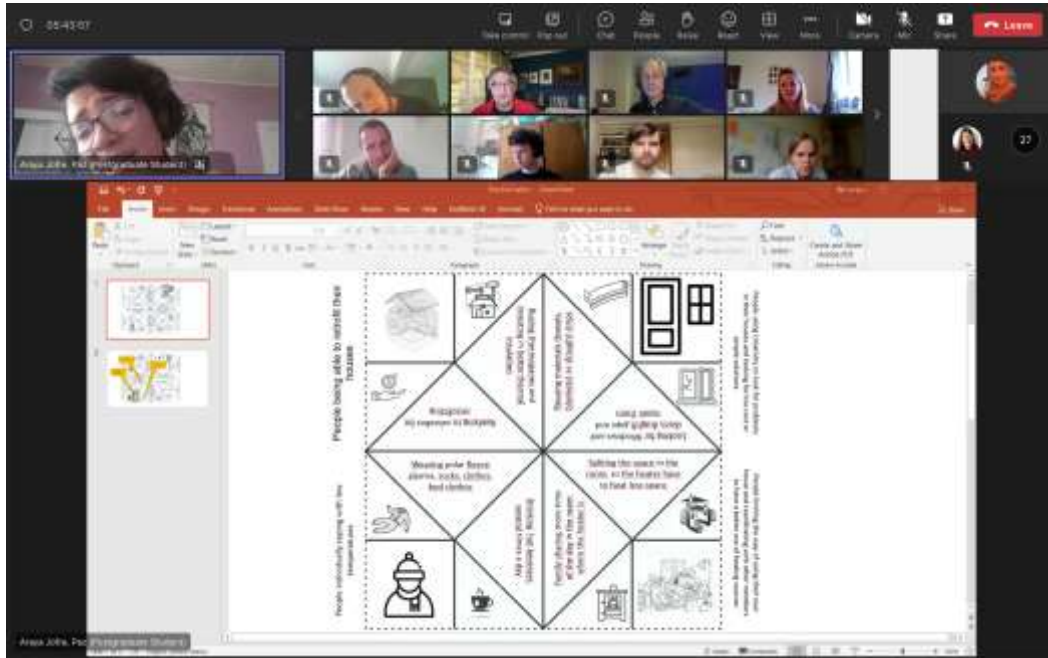
I'm writing to express my gratitude for encouraging me to enroll in the Practice Theory course. Today marked the conclusion of the course, and it was an incredibly enriching experience. I had the opportunity to meet distinguished researchers and eminent scholars of practice theory, and their insights and expertise were truly inspiring.

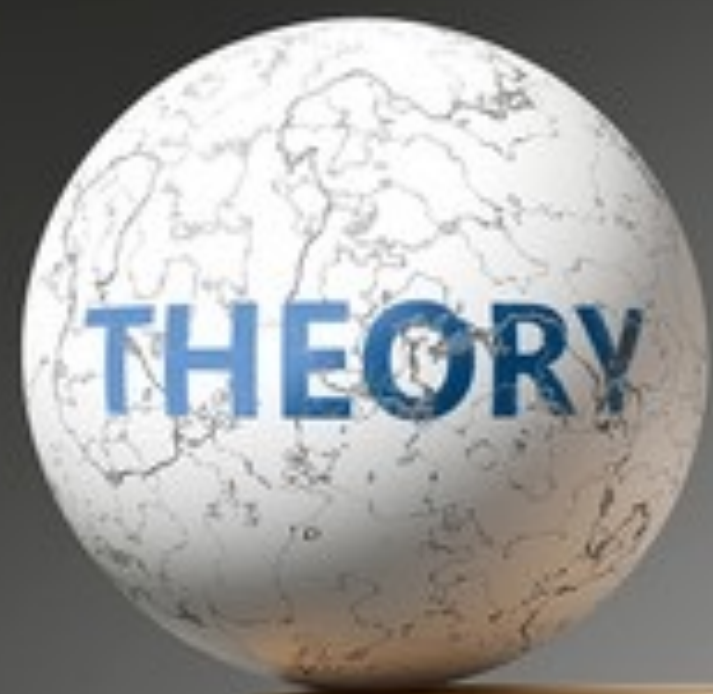
Unfortunately, I couldn't attend the first day of the course due to illness. However, I was fortunate enough to join the rest of the days and was immediately struck by the course's smooth organisation and clarity of presentation. The course was one of the best online courses I've attended, and I was able to absorb a tremendous amount of valuable information and insights.

I am grateful to get to know such wonderful people. I will miss them and the vibrant discussions we had during the course.

See you soon,

Norah





Hej Alex, greetings from Lancaster (‘s online course on practice theory).

I finally met some of the people behind the big names we are always citing. Turns out they are some really nice and regular folks. I suspect that they all read Shove, 2010, because they definitively are beyond the abc.

It’s a shame that we discovered the course only now and that you were not able to attend. However, there were also “elder” attendees (not doing their phd), so maybe there is a chance for you next year. I totally recommend it if you can somehow manage to take enough time off, as it was super intense (especially the preparations). Wish me luck with the special price!

All the best
Paul

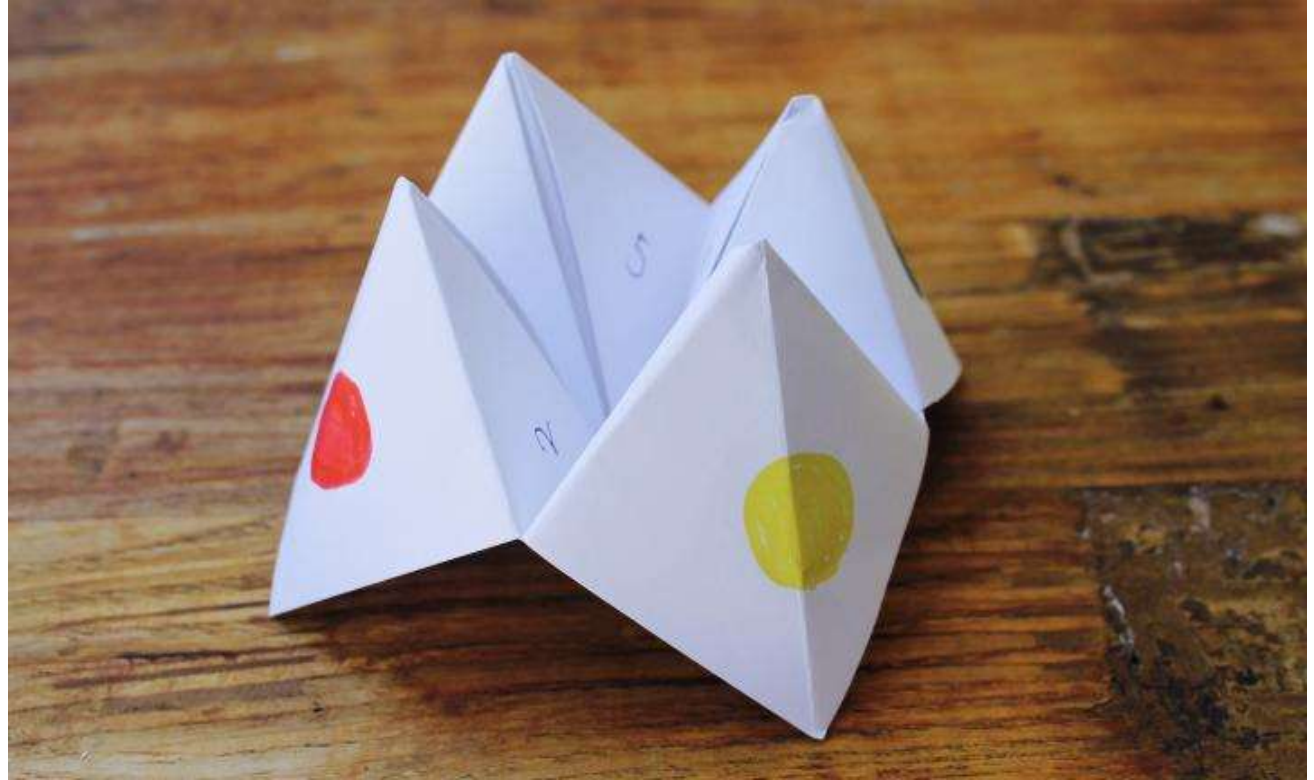
Dear Oscar,

I know you were worried that I would be taking this course on social practices right during my fieldwork and having to log on at 4 am to get into deep theoretical discussions. I just want to tell you that it was worth it. The course has been of tremendous help to me, to be able to clarify many doubts I was having for my research. And not only that, but I have been able to connect with concepts that were always coming up in my discussions.

I am glad I did this course and when I see you I will tell you more about it.

Kisses,

Paz





Dear Suzanne,

As you know I am currently attending a course on social practices. Although, the course is coming to an end, my practice journey is just beginning. I am very excited in seeing how it unfolds, as now I am finding my position in the field, as a carrier of practice as a researcher, as a body, as a body inhabited by trillions of other non-human carriers of practice sustaining my body (mostly) collaboratively.

In some ways my lenses have become clearer, but in other ways questions remain and many others have appeared. Another sign of this exciting journey that awaits me.

In the picture you see a woven cloth, representing the weaving of practice and the textures of practice. This cloth (as far in my very limited and incomplete understanding) is the product of a particular practice; a practice of connection. These patterns made by the shipibo conibo people connect practices of listening to nature, to music, songs of caring, and weaving – producing a material that once again can be used to sing songs – reproducing this practice

Love and all the best,

Simone

Dear Supervisor,

I am writing to send you kind regards from the course space of Lancaster University, as I come to the end of my practice theory course, it was quite an intensive time.

Throughout this course, I have learned a lot about various approaches to understanding practices, social order, agency and the capacities of individuals interconnecting in complexes of practices.

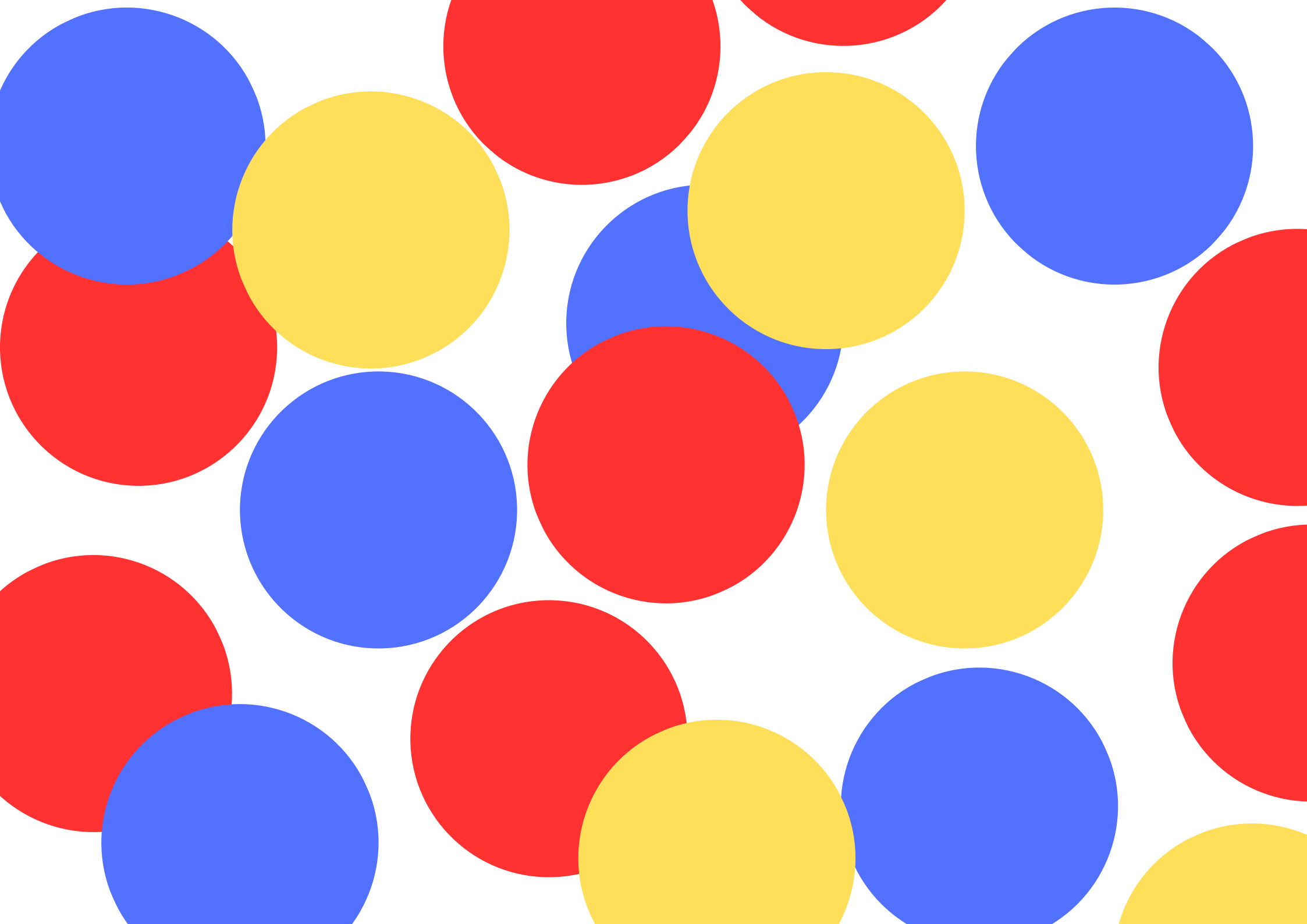
Moreover, I have gained a range of new didactical ideas for conceptualizing my teaching using funny creative methods.

It has also been wonderful to connect with other PhD students from different parts of the world. I look forward to seeing you online next week.

Best regards, Carmilla

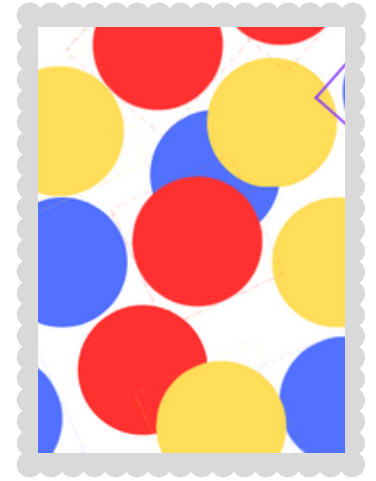
p.s. I have attached a lovely photo of my PhD on the other side of this postcard.





Dear doctoral thesis supervisor,
Greetings from the end of the social
practice course. Now I know how
much I didn't know. I'm really happy
I found out and finally have an idea
what to do next.

Best,
Kasia





Dear Julia,

last week I've attended a course on practice theory at Lancaster University.

It was a very intense but also inspiring week.

I've learned a lot on practice theory and about how to find a topic in a group and prepare it in a short time.

Although all participants were seated in so much distance from each other, the cooperation was always quite close and warm.

Also the seminar strengthened my motivation for my PhD and gave me new ideas, which I appreciate a lot.

The only thing that was missing, was maybe a kind of a handout or something similar, on where the main outcomes were noted, because there was so much discussed, that it sometimes was hard to get the conclusion or main aspect from it.

I hope you're fine.

Best regards,



Background

Connections among practices
Grocery Shopping

1) Everyone present one (food) item they bought at the supermarket
2) Group up in 'Teamwork Teams' to create a shopping list & go shopping for your 'group work dinner' which you prepare tonight after the course. Go to Microsoft Teams room with your team and come back to the main room (in general) after 10 minutes.

GROUP 1 Milk Eggs Tinned Tuna Custard	GROUP 3 [Blank]	GROUP 4 Milk Eggs Tinned Tuna Custard	GROUP 5 [Blank]	GROUP 6 [Blank]
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The Supermarket

OH NO!

Wan chen Dai

Handbook

Handbook

Handbook text describing the course structure and expectations.

Checkout

Connections among practices
The (Self-)Checkout
Collective reflection

Devil

Food cam

Highlight one interesting connection among practices and the meal which you plan to prepare with your group

Andrea Sikes



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Theresa Füreder



Dear Sara,

we got to know many interesting insights into practice theory and how it can be applied to research phenomena. We could exchange with renowned scholars on their research dealing with practice theory, which was quite cool. Additionally, working together in different groups for preparing a podcast and a themework was fun and a great chance to get to know different participants.

It were quite intensive 5 days, it would have been nice to have more short breaks in between the different sessions. Also, we had a quite different May 1st as usual - also on our public holiday we had a session, but it was rounded off with fun presentations, which was nice.

Best,

Theresa



Sara

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Dear Simon,

Greetings from the practice theory course I've been telling you about.

It has been an incredibly rich (albeit also challenging) experience that has had a profound impact on the way I look at society and social dynamics. I don't think I will take off my new practice lens anytime soon! 8-)

Cheers,

Felix



Johannes Winkler
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Dear Fabio!

I hope this postcard finds you well! I just finished an amazing online course on Practice Theory from Lancaster University and wanted to share my experience with you. It was such an enriching and thought-provoking experience, and I know you would love it too. The course covered topics such as the relationship between practices and materiality, and the social and cultural aspects of practices. I found the course to be incredibly engaging and I believe it would be right up your alley.

I encourage you to consider taking the course if you have the opportunity. You won't regret it! Hope to catch up with you soon and hear about your latest adventures.

Johannes

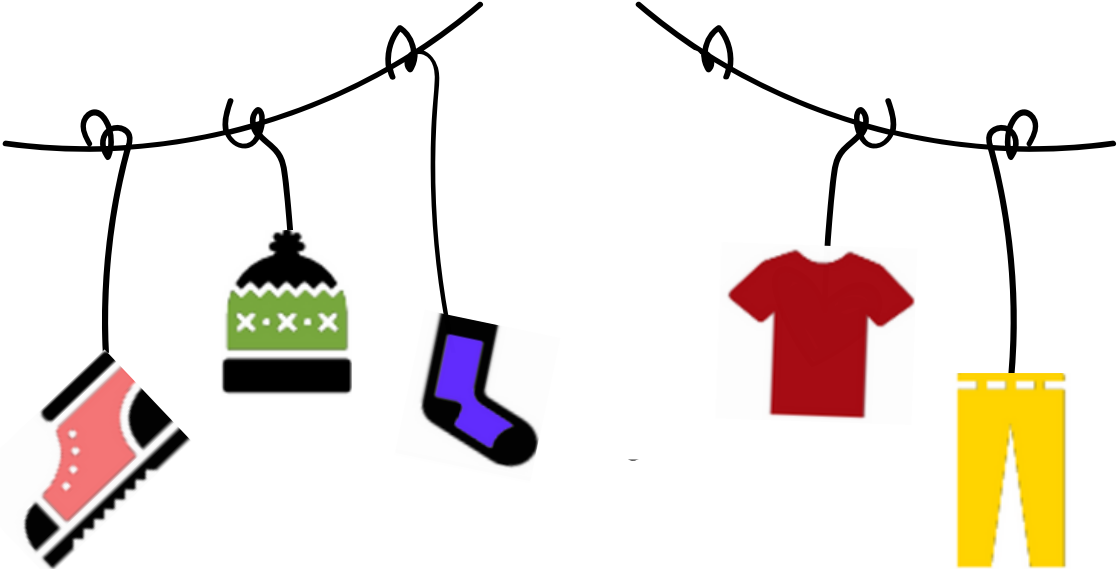


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Practice Course

To : Marie

Dear,

I hope you managed the professors alright in my absence for this course. I know you historians have your ways of doing research but I would like you to take a look at this course and how it can relate to your Phd research. You study a practice of bird hunting and I believe this literature could benefit your theoretical framework. Anyway, I should be back in our office by Wednesday and looking forward to hearing from you.

Have a nice sunny week,

Emy

Postcard

Hey dear Karianne,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am sitting here in virtual space, drinking a cup of coffee, enjoying the company of great people. Recently I have been talking about social practices, the entities that suffuse the world that we live in, with people from all over the world. I have learned so much.

You might remember our discussions – maybe more like monologues from me? – about practice theory. Having discussed some of the topics that we discussed; I have been made aware of my own biases regarding the way I perceive the social world that we partake in. I have for so long thought that I am a proponent of social practice theory but have now realized that I often find myself defaulting to thinking from an individualistic perspective. This has been an eye-opener!

Through discussions with these people (no idea where they came from, we just stumbled upon each other in this large, dark space called Teams) I have also become more critical of the theory. It's always healthy to have a critical perspective on the ideas and views that affect your life, don't you find?

I can have no complaints about what it is I have experienced these last couple of days Karianne. Looking forward to hear about the adventures that you have been up to lately, wherever it is that you might be. Maybe we'll see each other in the realm of Teams!

Best,

Eivind

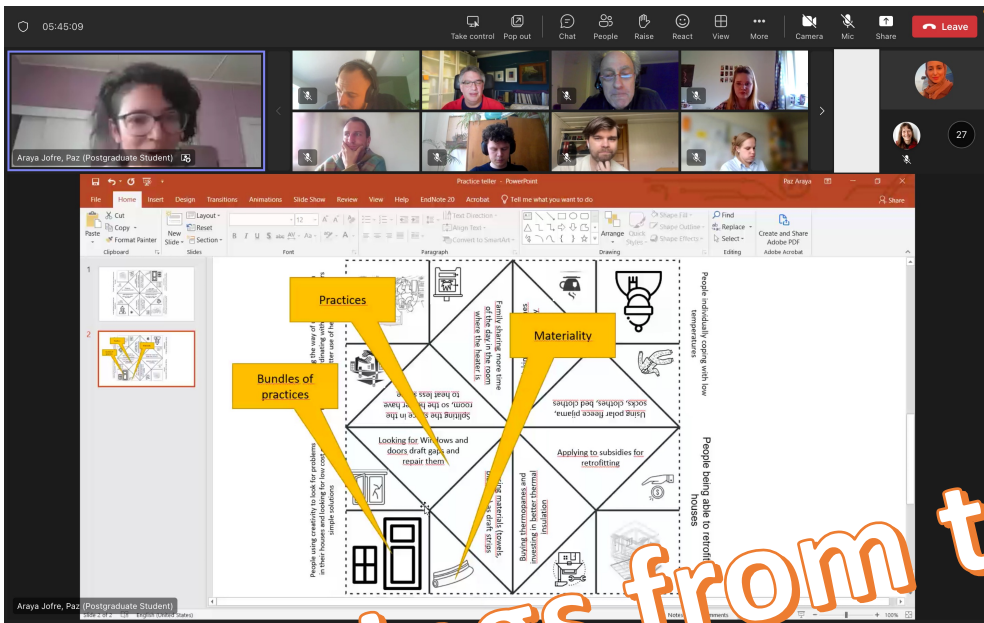


FROM: David Chaquea-Romero



TO: PhD. Miguel Peña-Varon

You can't imagine what this experience has been for me. Thank you for your supervision and support in this journey. It has been challenging to start thinking in terms of practices, and the many things that lie behind it. I realized that I was just using it as a tool, leaving aside and missing the richness that I am just, barely, touching in the surface. In Lave and Wenger terms, I just started my long walk from the periphery to the core. This doesn't mean that we wasted our time these couple of years following the domestic waster use practices. Even using Practice Theory just as a tool, we are moving one step forward introducing other ways of understanding water, other ways of framing problems, and therefore, if we are wise and lucky, other ways of intervening and solving problems. Greetings from the land of practices!



Greetings from the world of practices!

In the span of five days I've created a podcast on change and public policy, explained flat ontology with a paper fortune teller, and learned more deeply about practice theory than ever before by being engaged in discussion with some of the smartest people I've met (and some excellent teachers as well). All while traveling through Sweden with my family since it was an online course.





WISH YOU WERE HERE!!!

Dear Natalie,

Just finished my Practice Theory module at Lancaster University and it was great! Although I found aspects of it challenging (like the workload!) and I struggled to wrap my head around the theory, after speaking to others in the group, as well as having discussions with guest speakers and our great lecturers, I feel I understand the theory (and theories around it) a bit more now. I really recommend you sign up to the program next year, I think it would really interest you and help inform your research!

Post Card

Dear supervisors,

greetings from the practice theory course - and what a course it's been! I have truly enjoyed all the discussions, exercises, tasks and the intellectual challenge. I have had a chance to dive deep into the ocean of practice theories, and I think I have found a treasure that I will cherish.

It's been intense but also fun working with practice theory enthusiasts all over the world - I really hope to meet these people also in person somewhere in the future.



To my dear supervisors

From Katri
