

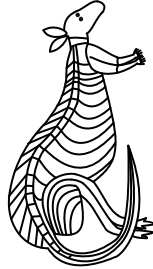


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THE COMPLEXITY OF ORAL TRADITIONS, WITH A HIMALAYAN EXAMPLE

Abstract

It has sometimes been claimed that there is a fundamental difference between speech and writing as modes of communication, with sophisticated and logical thinking a result of the technology of writing. This talk will review these arguments and the major counter-arguments to them. The issues involved will be illustrated with the rich and complex oral traditions practiced, and theorized, in the Himalayan region of Kumaon in northern India.

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