Asian Approaches to Human Communication:  
A Selected Bibliography  

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You will investigate forms of human communication, the communication process, as well as principles and theories that are used to assess and explain communication practices. The components that you study in this unit provide building blocks for the applied units that follow. Completing this unit should take you approximately 19 hours. Educational approaches to the development of interpersonal communication skills should include personal and social development; educational approaches should equip learners with the means of accessing and analysing a broad range of cultural practices and meanings, whatever their status. First, my position is that there is benefit from understanding the failures of human communication interactions and the differences that bring about that failure. However, if the successes and the reasons for positive outcomes are ignored it will, at best, leave us half informed about the nature of intercultural communication. The Communicative Approach or Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) is a teaching approach that highlights the importance of real communication for learning to take place. In this post, you'll find definitions, examples and ideas for classroom activities. Background and definition. In the Communicative Approach, real communication and interaction is not only the objective in learning, but also the means through which it takes place. This approach started in the 70s and became prominent as it proposed an alternative to the then ubiquitous systems-oriented approaches, such as the Audiolingua.