Learning Deeply in Remote Learning For Chinese International Students (CIS)

MSU Cross-campus Chinese International Student Support and Success Initiative

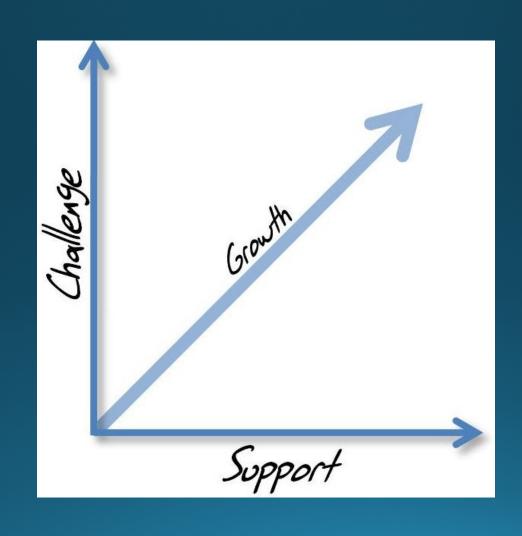
April 15th & 22nd, 2020

Dr. Kang Li

Academic Specialist/Advisor Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative

Michigan State University

Challenge And Support (Sanford, 1962)



The Intertwining Processes Of Academic And Cultural Adaptation

- High school to college.
- One educational, social, cultural and linguistic system to a new system.
- More challenging in academic and social integration.
- Being challenged at intellectual, emotional, psychological, physical and metaphysical/spiritual levels.

Multiple Identities For CIS

- Language barrier and language identity.
- Academic adjustment and academic identity.
- Cultural adaptation and cultural identity.
- Social adjustment and social-emotional identity
- Manage logistics and logistical identity

Change Happens At Multiple Levels

- Without you being aware, your whole being engages in the process of adaptation, change and development.
- Your brain, body, internal organs and every parts in you are in the business.

How Much Is Too Much?

 When over-challenged but not enough support, what will happen over a long period of time?

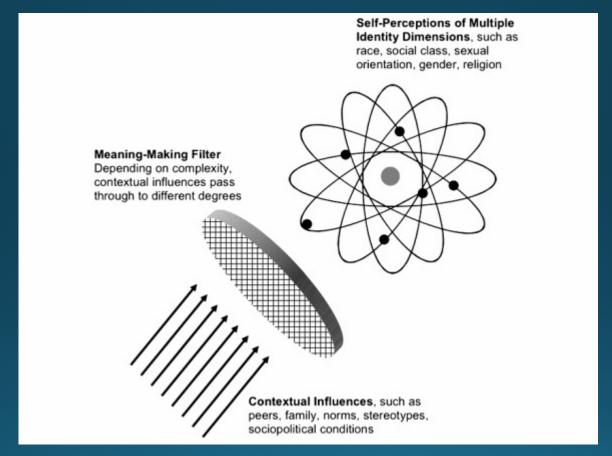
What Had Change in Remote Learning

- What are the advantages and disadvantages?
- Context matters?
- What are the differences that you have felt?

Navigating Your Inner System/s

Even more important than navigating the outer system/s.

Application In Identity Development



Become aware of the filter, change and develop it to serve, not to constrain and limit.

Self-Authorship And More

- Engage in self-exploration, discovery and development.
- Use non-cognitive Variables (Sedlacek, 2004).
- Creating your own developmental environments (Bronfenbrenner, 1979, 1995).
- Develop various identities and beyond (Abes, Jones & McEwen, 2007).
- Open yourself/personality within limit (you are always in charge).
- Grow like a tree (Li, 2014).
- Become a global citizen and future leader.

Adaptivity, Integrity, Safety and Dignity

- What to do when inner vulnerability start to show? Fight or flight?
- Drive yourself even more or pause and take a break to regain balance?
- Should you develop psychological problems and mental illness, what to do?
- Education as self-healing, becoming whole and liberation? The issues are more than you but to do with your family, culture, history and collective consciousness/unconsciousness.

Model Proposed: Kalachakra Mandala 外圆内方



Reference I

- Abes, E. S., Jones, S. R. & McEwen, M. K. (2007). Reconceptualizing the model of multiple dimensions of identity: The role of meaning-making capacity in the construction of multiple identities. *Journal of College Student Development* 48(1), pp. 1-22.
- Bronfenbrenner, U. (1979). The ecology of human development: Experiments by nature and design. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Bronfenbrenner, U. (1995). Developmental ecology through space and time: A future Perspective. In P. Moen, G. H. Elder, Jr. & K. Lüscher (Eds), Examining Lives in Context: Perspectives on the Ecology of Human Development (pp. 619-647). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Crossman, S. & Barou, J. (2004): *Tibetan Mandala: Art and Practice*. Connecticut: Konecky & Konecky.

Reference II

- Kegan, R. (1982). *The evolving self: Problem and process in human development*. Cambridge, Mass. & London, England: Harvard University Press.
- Li, K. (2014). *Identity development of international Chinese graduate students: Growing and developing in new academic, social and cultural contexts*. Saarbrücken, Deutschland: Lambert Academic Publishing.
- Magolda, M. B. B. (2008). Three Elements of Self-Authorship. Journal of College Student Development, 49(4), 269-284.
- Sanford, N. (1962). Developmental status of the entering freshman. In N. Sanford (Ed.), *American college* (pp. 253-282). New York: Wiley.
- Sedlacek, W. E. (2004). *Beyond the BigTest: Noncognitive Assessment in Higher Education.* San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.