



## Crucial Topics in Foundations of Education: International Perspectives

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### Your Profile and You: Proficiency, Cooptation, *Currere*

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Pinar outlines the technologically mediated production of the contemporary online self – one's profile.

After summarizing and questioning prominent critiques of proficiency, sincerity, and authenticity, Pinar reviews the concept of *currere* as a praxis of presence, emphasizing one's existential experience of what one studies and teaches.

He concludes by cautioning against any uncritical embrace of presumably progressive concepts – such as *currere* – by recalling Giovanni Gentile's progressivism and its cooptation by Mussolini's fascism.

Given contemporary corporations' cooptation of progressivism, to be progressive today might mean becoming conservative, i.e. preserving the planet and what remains of life on it.