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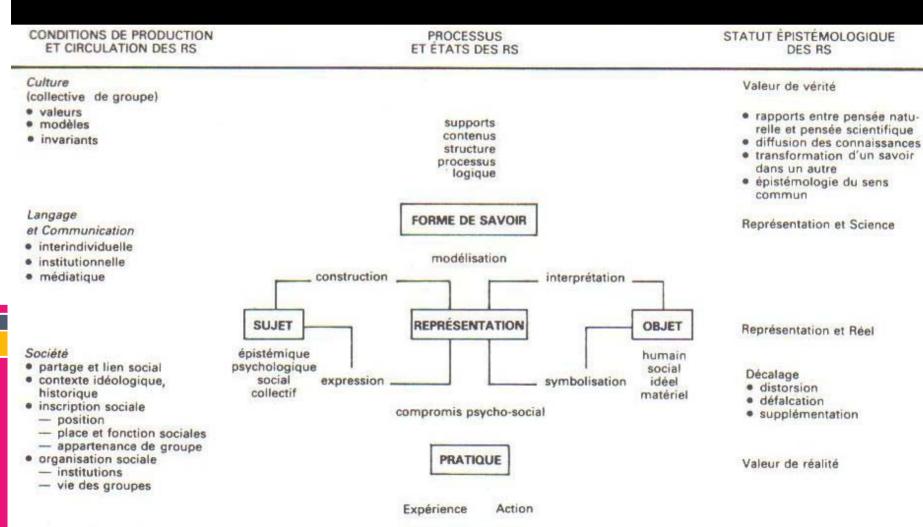
## THE OTHER OF ME: REPRESENTATIONS OF TEACHERS **ABOUT INTERCULTURAL PRACTICES**



#### Study field of Representations

Jodelet (1997:59)



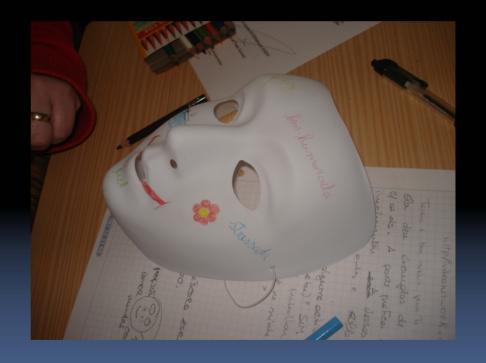


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### Workshop

### Context

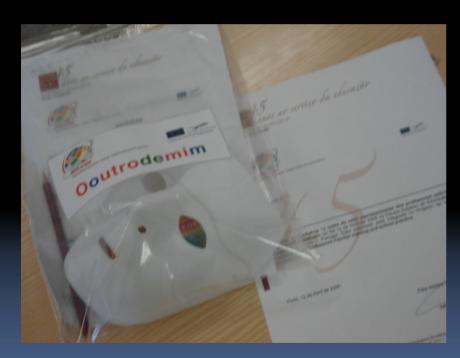
- Aim: Evaluation diagnosis of the representations teachers have of intercultural concepts and approaches
- The Other of Me –Masks



### Methodology

- Mask as a metaphor for representation
- Phases
  - 1. Presentation of the MASK concept;
  - Drawing on the inner part of the mask Who amI? What is my true self?
  - 3. Drawing on the face of the mask How do the others see me? Or how I want the others see me?
  - 4. Discussion = Reflection about the construction/ deconstruction of the masks

# Presentation of the MASK concept





# Drawing on the inner part of the mask



# Drawing on the face of the mask



























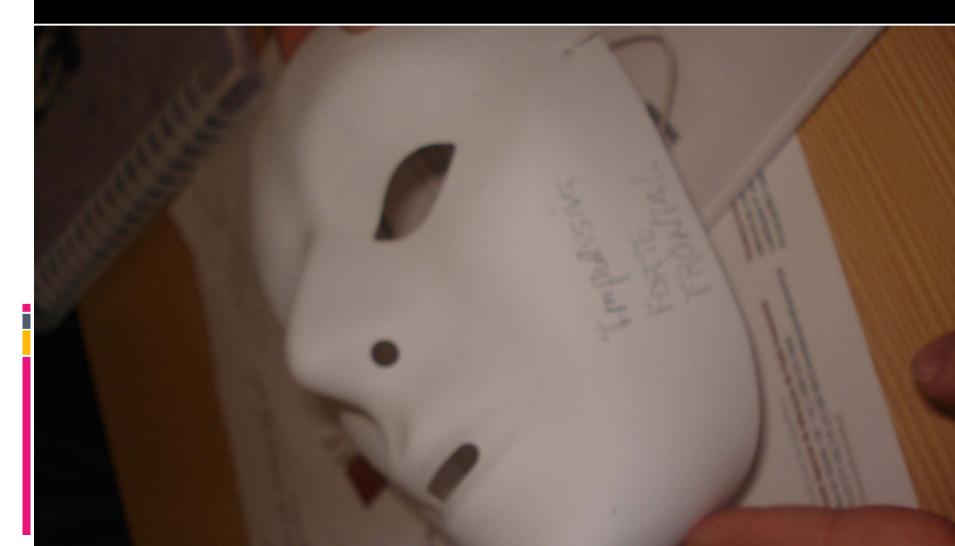








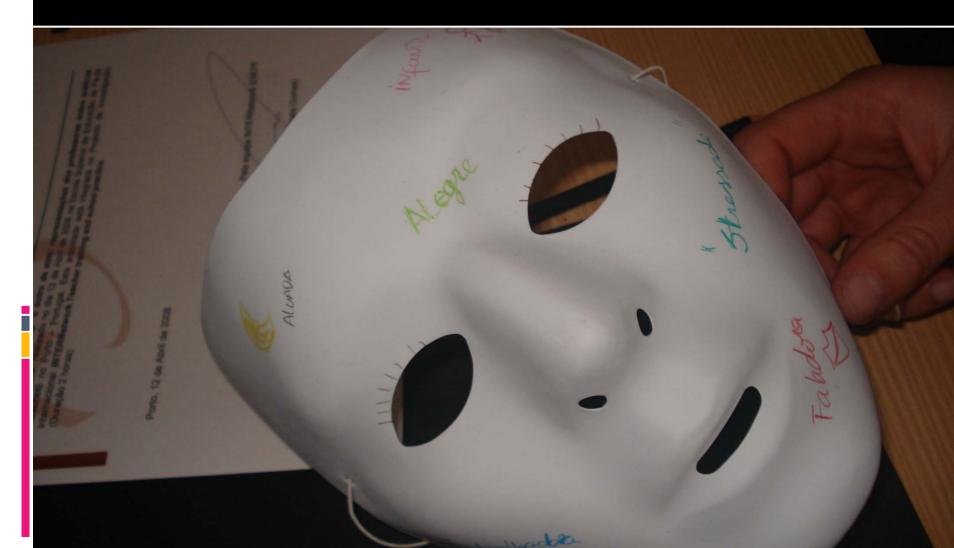








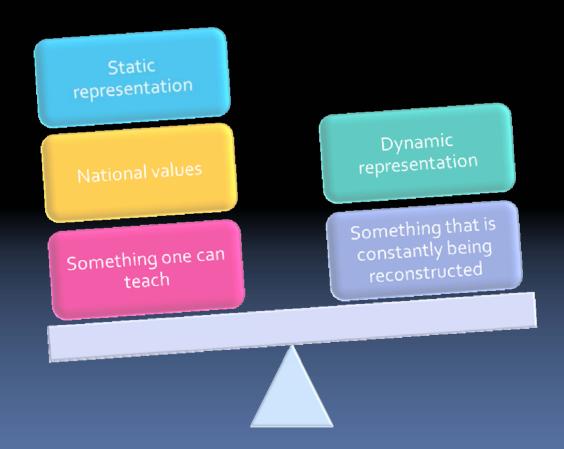




## Debating: (de)construction of

- representations they have of some intercultural concepts, namely:
  - Culture
  - Diversity
  - Racism
  - Stereotype
  - Fundamentalism.
  - Debating

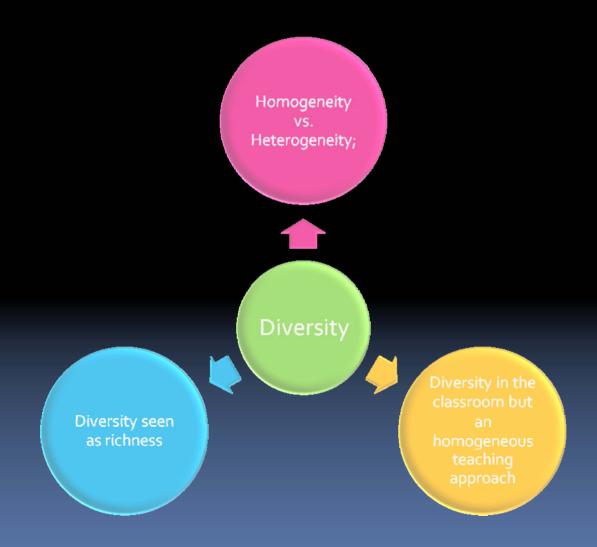
### Culture



### Fundamentalism

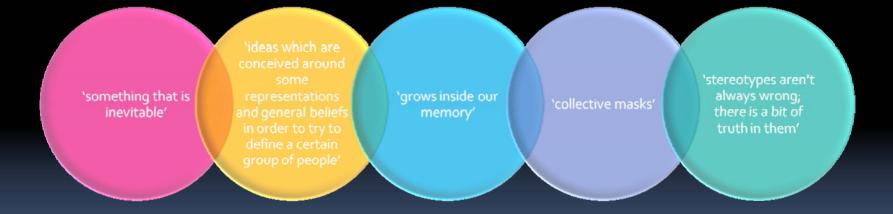


## Diversity



- 'differences in thinking, habits, customs and ways of acting';
- 'diverse features such as culture which are different from pupil to pupil (heterogeneity)';
- 'our society is a big European city in which racial diversity boils and melts';
- the 'difference completes us' and at the same time we 'are able to learn and enrich our own culture in a natural and free way'.

### Sterotype



### Conclusions

- Crystallized representations based in socially acceptable; politically correct
  - Static representation of culture;
  - Racism rejection; lack of knowledge in relation to the causes of racism in historical, political and economical points of view.
- Socially accepted discourse: diversity asks for fusion of cultures, implying that there is always a dominant culture towards another.

### Future

- Formation of teachers is needed (not mainstream academic formation but direct confrontation with problems/situations);
- There is a need to deconstruct stereotypes which are present in their intercultural representations.
- →next step: analyzing the representations "after" intercultural formation of teachers... (ongoing project)





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