Abstract

Via the application of discourse analysis with the employment of schema theory on authentic discourse, this academic exercise attempts to reveal the superstructure of human memory in an effort to understand the information processing of Singaporean Chinese. Thereby, ascertain the way of their holistic thinking.

The inner structural aspect of thinking will be examined from two facets. Firstly, schemata are obtained to explore the close-knit interchangability of holistic thinking of Singaporean Chinese, and making use of the schematic categories to analyse the highly concentrated nature of the inter linkages of cognitive structures. Secondly, interrogative clauses are examined to show that the way of thinking of Singaporean Chinese is holistic in nature.

From the schematic superstructure, the relationship between the superstructure categories will allow the information management process to be examined in totality which is in turn an illustration of the holistic thinking avenue of Singaporean Chinese.

This is a pioneer study of the way of Chinese thinking using the schema theory. The author attempts to tread out a new path in this field of research in discourse analysis.
摘要

此论文以实际语料为例，通过语料分析及图式理论的运用，揭开人们记忆中的深层结构。由此，进一步了解新加坡华人信息处理的过程及探索他们的整体思维方式。

论文将从两个方面探究思维的内部结构。首先从语料所体现出的思维图式来说明华人的这种严密交替性的整体思维以及类属辨析密集环扣的整体思维；然后以引证性问句的分析来说明新加坡华人的思维方式是整体的。其次，通过记忆的上层结构范畴之间的关系，从总体角度把新加坡华人的这一整体思维方式展示出来。

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