

â??Deconstructingâ?• the curriculum

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Perhaps the term â??**deconstruction**â?• is in for a comeback, as the US White House Chief Strategist Steve Bannon said, â??Thatâ??s all going to be ***deconstructed*** and I think that thatâ??s why this regulatory thing is so important.â?• (CNN). He was talking about cutting back on government regulation, though he misused the term â??**deconstruction**.â?•

Anti-Trump conservative US commentator Glenn Beck (YouTube) said Bannonâ??s philosophy is really about ***destruction*** of the state. It seems that the alt-right are following Aleksandr Dugin, Russian philosopher and apologist for Donald Trump, apparently pushing Leninâ??s formula of chaos and a desire to burn down the system.

Thatâ??s not **deconstruction**, which is an intellectual move to challenge claims of certainty in literary texts, and that also has applications in architecture and education.

Flipped

The latest issue of the online ***Journal of Learning Design*** is just out. Itâ??s a free, open source, online peer reviewed journal. Our paper on the â??flipped classroomâ?• is included.

The editor of the journal says, â??The paper first tracks the idea of the â??flipped classroomâ?? back to the seminal ideas of ***deconstruction*** from the 1980s. The authors then consider large groups of students and their experiences over a few years of learning in a flipped classroom which made use of distributed digital media. The authors conclude that being in a flipped classroom is an â??initially alienâ?? experience and one that calls for further attention and refinement.â?•

The article is free to read here: https://www.jld.edu.au/article/view/281



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Notes

- I recall seeing Dugin on tv a few times storming out during an interview.
- In *The Fourth Political Theory*, Dugin has a section headed â??The deconstruction of civilisation.â?• Then we read it is about â??the deconstruction of the *concept* of civilisationâ?• (106).
- The image is a screenshot of a student version of *Metropolis*.
- Also see post on conservative hermeneutics.

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