Case study one: Ayesha

Tool 2 - Reflection on Our Ways of Knowing

The Deconstruction of Professional Knowledge

“We are socialized into ‘ways of looking’ which render some things visible, others invisible. These ways of looking are so tacit, so habitual and automatic that they themselves are rarely the topic of conversation. The problem when we try to explain to others what we see is that we tend to assume that what we see, or what we know, is obvious to anyone who ‘looks at the facts’. But there are no neutral facts waiting to be seen. It is only when one knows how to look, that the facts relevant to that way of looking appear. Opening our ways of knowing to inquiry is not unlike the challenge of trying to explain to someone how to look in such a way that they can see that third dimension.”

Reference


Epistemic - of or pertaining to knowledge or the conditions for acquiring it. From the Greek ‘epistemology’ (knowledge, science) - theory of knowledge or the branch of philosophy concerned with the nature and scope (limitations) of knowledge. It addresses the questions:

How do we know what we know?
How is knowledge acquired?
What is knowledge?