網路空間.人際關係: 線上線下.生活世界¹

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摘要

本文的主要目的,是提供一個新的接合點,令現有的網路人際關係理論進行對話。文中探討複製與流動兩種觀點,在涉及「線上/線下」的議題時,反應了何種認識觀點、與研究路數可能產生的侷限。

本文將以連線遊戲中的一群玩家為對象,描述在這群人之間的互動狀況,以呈現線上與線下的生活場域如何滲透彼此、相續不分。我會先回顧整理現有網路人際關係的主流理論,再透過深訪與參與觀察材料的呈現,指出人際關係的養成應該是一連續的、動態的過程,線上/線下的區分是一種方便的說法、而非本質上可以二分的場域。最後,我也會嘗試以經驗資料來呈現台灣網路文化的特色,以之與現有的理論進行對話,期盼能使網路人際關係的論述觀點更加多元。

關鍵字:網路人際關係、認同、人際互動、自我呈現、社交訊息、連線遊戲

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Interpersonal Relationship in Cyberspace: On+Off Line as Everyday Life World

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Abstract

This paper tries to provide a new perspective to think over interpersonal relationship in cyberspace. By so doing, conversation can be made between today's mainstream theories. I will focus on two important viewpoints: duplication perspective and fluidity perspective. Both two have certain problems and limits in epistemology and attitude when studying the online/offline issues.

I have conducted a one-year ethnography in the online game "Lineage". After analyzing research data, I find that game players never treat online/offline as a separatable dichotomy. There is no essential boundary between these two life worlds. Finally, the features of Taiwan internet culture are considered to strengthen my arguments.

Keywords: Interpersonal relationship in cyberspace, identity, interpersonal interaction, self presentation, social information, online game