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Geertz

The Interpretation of Cultures and Deep Play: the cockfight as a Balinese reading of status.

Thick description

Borrowed from Ryle: the wink versus the twitch, meaning in public action.

Turner

The Forest of Symbols: Ndembu milk tree as a dominant, multivocal ritual symbol.

Social drama

Turner's sequence of breach, crisis, redress, reintegration or split.

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