

## Inhuman Educations

Jean-François Lyotard, Pedagogy, Thought

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In the first monograph on Lyotard and education, the author approaches Lyotard's thought as pedagogical in itself. The result is a novel, soft, and accessible study of Lyotard organized around two inhuman educations: that of "the system" and that of "the human." The former enforces an interminable process of development, dialogue and exchange, while the latter finds its force in the mute, secret, opaque, and inarticulable.

Threading together a range of Lyotard's work through four pedagogical processes—reading, writing, voicing, and listening—the author insists on the distinct educational logics that can uphold or interrupt different ways of being-together in the world, touching on a range of topics from literacy and aesthetics to time and political-economy. While *Inhuman Educations* can serve as an introduction to Lyotard's philosophy, it also constitutes a singular, provocative, and fresh take on his thought.

"Inhuman Educations takes us through the difficulties, challenges, and excitement of thinking Lyotard in relation to pedagogy and the inhuman. As our guide, Derek R. Ford carefully leads the reader through different practices—reading, writing, voicing, and listening—in order to challenge today's dominant pedagogical assumptions." - Kiff Bamford, Reader in Contemporary Art, Leeds Beckett University

"Deftly but subtly connecting Lyotard's postmodern peregrinations with his investments in revolutionary politics, Derek R. Ford's erudite study brings to the fore pedagogical practices that—in errant and disparate ways—contest the grip that the extant system has on how we think, speak and act." - Gabriel Rockhill, Professor of Philosophy, Villanova University

"In this mind-expanding book, Derek R. Ford engages with Lyotard to question and challenge the developmental model of modernity, the inhuman system bound up with progress, capitalism, and white supremacy." - Noni Brynjolson, Assistant Professor of Art History, University of Indianapolis

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