THE LANGUAGE OF LOSS AND CARING

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Language as the basis of social life
- Relationships
- War
- Peace
- Work
- Leisure
- Helping
- Hurting
- Learning

Language as the basis of complex thought
- Concepts
- Theories
- Frameworks

Language as the basis of meaning
- Biographies
- Narratives
- Discourses
- Ideologies

Language as the basis of power relations
- Discourses
- Embedded power

The language of caring
- Caring for or caring about
- Caregiving
- Caretaking
- Reciprocity
- Therapy
The language of grief

- Symptoms
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Trauma

Linguistic sensitivity

- Balance between “wallpaper” and being “tongue tied”

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