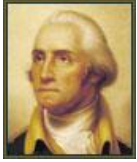


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Sign/Space -- Eigenform

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The purpose of this talk is to discuss the Heinz von Foerster concept of Eigenform in the light of concepts about signs, symbols and the spaces they occupy/create. HVF said that an object is a token for an eigenbehaviour. That is, an apparent object in the "world" is a stability for the perception of an observer, a stability that comes from the behaviour of the observer in maintaining integrity in his/her "world." The way such stabilities come about is subtle, involving recursion and linguistic shifts. The talk will discuss these matters in the light of the distinctions that can support such behaviour (as if there were such distinctions). This is an autopoietic approach.

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