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## Online short lectures to consolidate reflection

In this section, we give you the opportunity to watch two videos related to the concepts discussed in the previous sections. These videos will help you to take some time and think further about what you have learned about the concepts

**The first video is entitled *The coolest Asian - is there a good stereotype?* and is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwolIUODdfw>**

This is how the video is presented online: "Hopefully my talk opens doors to new thoughts for those who have never had to think about intercultural communications or how stereotypes affect us in everyday life.", says Minghui Gao. Being passionate about intercultural issues, Minghui Gao is doing research on intercultural communication in the media, multicultural education and international business. She is currently a Ph.D. researcher at the University of Helsinki and the University of Turku. With her academic research on interculturality and identity, Minghui is going to share her personal experience of living with stereotypes."

The second video presents one of my talks entitled "We must imagine Sisyphus happy": The future of critical interculturality (<https://www.helsinkikanava.fi/kanava/fi/videot/video?id=3196>). I gave this paper at a teacher conference in Helsinki. The audience was composed of teachers, decision makers and other researchers. My talk opened a session on education for diversities. In the paper, I compare intercultural education to Sisyphus pushing his boulder up a hill. Sisyphus was punished for his self-aggrandizing craftiness and deceitfulness by the Gods. In my opinion, by creating and putting so much emphasis on nation-states since the 18th Century we have fallen into a vicious circle of imposing boundaries between "us" and "them". Our task is now to circulate the contradictions of our times (diversity, globalization vs./and nationalism, social injustice) by rolling our own boulder indefinitely.

Please take some notes while you are watching the videos. Then answer these questions in writing or by discussing with someone:

- Do the ideas presented by the speakers confirm or contradict some of the discussions in the previous sections?
- Take one idea you disagree to and one you are in agreement with and position yourself.

- Do you have similar examples as the ones presented by the speakers based on your experience at school, maybe when working with newcomers?
- What will you keep from watching the videos and the discussions in the previous sections? Will you change anything in your practice? School? Classroom?