

The Autism Prism: A Domain Analysis Paper Examining Neurodiversity

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Autism is a complex neurological phenomenon, affecting our society on individual, community, and cultural levels. There is an ongoing dialog between the medical and autism communities that is critiquing and molding the meaning of autism. A prevailing perspective, the neurodiversity paradigm, views autism as a natural variation in human neurology. Towards the goal of crystallizing the various facets of autism, this paper conducts a domain analysis of neurodiversity. Through this analysis, we explore the dynamics between diagnosis, identity, stereotypes, power, and inclusion.