

Jeffrey Newman
NYU-Shanghai

Title: "The Differences Between Liberal Education and General Education."

At a time when more and more students (and their parents) insist that higher education be rationalized according to instrumental (career) objectives, it is useful to articulate the differences between liberal education as it is generally understood and "general education" as it is frequently understood in China (viz., taking an assortment of courses from across the disciplines instead of developing specialized expertise). I will share some thoughts about how the distinction might be sharpened along the dimensions of content (knowledge, skills, virtues) and pedagogy.