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The USIA Podcast interviewed USIA Fellow Professor Richard Nisbett on the topic of Intelligence, and Psychology of Intelligence.

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Highlighted Work and Publications

The Geography of Thought: How Asians and Westerners Think Differently...and Why

Richard E. Nisbett (Author)

Year of publication: 2003

Intelligence and How to Get It: Why Schools and Cultures Count

Richard E. Nisbett (Author)

Year of publication: 2009

Mindware: Tools for Smart Thinking

Richard E. Nisbett (Author)

Year of publication: 2015

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Richard E. Nisbett received his BA from Tufts in 1962 and his PhD in 1966 from Columbia, where his advisor was Stanley Schachter. He taught at Yale from 1966-1971. The remainder of his career has been spent at the University of Michigan, where he was the Theodore M. Newcomb Distinguished University Professor and Co-Director of the Culture and Cognition Program.

Dr. Nisbett studies how people reason and make inferences about the world. He has shown both that inferences can be seriously flawed and that they are surprisingly subject to correction by training. Recent work compares East Asians with Westerners. He finds that Westerners reason analytically, emphasizing rules and categorization whereas East Asians reason holistically, focusing broadly on the field in which important objects are located. His most recent work on the nature of intelligence and its modifiability shows that heritability of IQ is not as great as previously believed and that familial, cultural and educational effects on intelligence and academic achievement are very large. Nisbett is the author or editor of 13 books, several of which are widely regarded as classics in the field. In his latest book Mindware, Nisbett describes some of the most common mistakes in reasoning that people fall prey to, and provides simple advice on how to avoid them.

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Professor Richard E. Nisbett is the Honorary/Advisory Psychologist, and a Fellow (Hon) of the United Sigma Intelligence Association.

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