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The concepts of “community of practice” and “disclosure community” recognized as the two significant forms related to the broader idea of community establishment. It is worthy to mention that the approach of the community of practice is different from the particular concept of a disclosure community developed by John Swales. The idea of a community of practice involves different genres and terminologies that are closely associated with the various values and practices. Proper consideration of these values is necessary because it referred to the idea of the functioning of the communities. Ann Johns prefer the facet of “community of practice” as a framing idea over “disclosure community” because it never recognized that participation in the disclosure community never ultimately refer to the approach of active joining (Johns, 1997). The complex phenomenon of communities of practice further assists in attaining better understanding about the objective of being in the community.

The perspective of academic inquiry in the form of Greene’s procedure is considered by Johns to explore different critical dimensions relevant to the concept of communities. The method of conversation is adapted to attain a better understanding of the different aspects relevant to the main idea. The form of conversation started when John Swales provide a brief description of the concept of disclosure community. As he does not highlight the domain of conflict than it further discussed by James Gee. It is viable to explore that the researcher only concerned about the paradigm of the dominant disclosures. Ann Johns further explored this form of limitation. Different expected conventions of the discourse of communities are highlighted by her that come up with the domain of extended discussion (Johns, 1997).

Johns identifies various complications as factors that make it complex to become part of the communities. Authority and control are two major features of concerns that play their role as barriers to reach the desirable form of disclosure of communities. This particular issue concern with the spectrum of conflict and the identity to become the member of the disclosure community. Conflict refers to the values can also be the troubling aspect that hinders the desired domain of disclosure of communities.

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