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#### THE ART OF RHETORIC IN THE DIGITAL LANDSCAPE

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#### *Do not trust white men. They speak with forked tongue!*

(Indian proverb)







## You are perfectly right, from your point of view.

(Paul Watzlawick)



# WHO AM I (TO TALK TO YOU) ?

An example of *Captatio Benevolentiae* 



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#### Fate largo alla superlobby Gaidano grandi aziende pubbliche e private,

ma li unisce l'aver lavorato per la più influente società di consulenza del monda. Così, in caso di bisogno... ■ di MARCO COBIANCHI

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anni di lavoro viene assunto in postnone dirigenziale da un'altro società. In questo modo si è creata nel corso del tempo una rete il relazioni, rotorscenze e interesai che riguattiano tutti i settutt economici în tutti i peeti del monde. În Italia sopo in 320 e tra qualche orroziolti di questi seguiranno le orme dei Cornale Passena, Alessandro Profumoro Massimn Captanni, tutti ex mekenseyo tá opri a capo repetitivamente delle Poste, dell'Unirredit e della Borsa riabata

Per mantesere vivo lo spirito di grappo, periodicamente vengono organizzati convegai internazionali che riuniscutori tatti gli en dipendenti che lavorano nello sienso setture economico in mudo da agevolume i contacti, «Non continenamo con la solite stona che la Mr.Kmsey è una lobby - avverte Giam Enillo

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### Nichi Grauso's right-hand man at Video On Line (VOL)

















#### Founder & CEO at tin.it

#### Parla Andrea Granelli Anche Tin.it in azienda

Da quando la diffusione dell'accesso gratuito al Web ha obbligato i principali Operatori Italiani a offrire connessioni gratalte agli utenti consumer, la fetta di mercato della famitura di accesso e servizi agli storti business è diventata ancor più appetitosa. Tin ha quindi rotto gli indugi, e ha lanciato una proposta commerciale facalizada per le piccole o modie imprese, un settoro in cui era già attiva ma non in modo molto aggressivo. Con la difinizione all'intorno dei gruppo Telecom di una struttura internet, che integra sia l'offerta di Tin, sia quella di loterbusiaess, rivolta alle grandi aziende, infatti, è stato possibile concentrare le forze in quest'area e realizzare una integrazione dell'offerta residenziale e aziendale, entrambe ormai responsabilità di Andrea Granelli.

Domanda. Tin sta cambiando vocacione da fomitore el accessi alle tamiglie a fornitore di servizi al business?

Risposta: Accolutamente no, siamo nati e rimaniamo un provider residenziale. Ma la nestra esperienza nella consocenza delle abitacini e delle esigenze delle tamigle colice italiare ci rende estremaniente adatti a sviluppere un'offerta integrata che si estenda alle imprese: per offrire i servizi giusti alle aziende che vogliono fare commercio elettronico è essenziale conoscere il pubblico di riferimento e Tinút sta appunto situitando la sua concessona del consumer per dare gli stramenti più adatti alle imprese the vogliono operare sul Web.

 Negli attinti mesi il piaztro competitivo per Tin è cambiato molto; da provider wader nel segmento della vendita di accessi alle famiglie avete dovato adeguar vi all'offerta di connessioni gratuite e riformativo nuovo forme di radido, puntando più nettamente sul segmento buniness. Come si evolverà il tattarato di Tin in relations a questi cambiamenti?

R. In effetti, il nostro modello di business si è modificato: prima la maggior parta dai nostri proventi veniva dalla vendita di abbonamonti. Adressa una parte venti didl'interconnectione, in base al traffico generato con i collegamenti pratuti.



canos di abbosamento contitue teneo comunicati ana vace iciportante del nostro tattarato, ma saranto constposti per servizi premium. In questi giorni abbiamo annuncieto il lancio a dicertihre dell'offerta adsi (Internet ad alta velocità su linca telefanica, edr) in 25 ottà il prezze non è state ancera decisio ma sará una novità per il satema talano: una tariffa fat, come negli llisa, dove il consunutore saga un carrene minute lass cho congrande anche il traffico, e quisti non è infaerzato dal tempe di connes sione. Con Lampiezza di basida dell'adsi sono possibili vent appiczzonimultimeduli.Illaczoca-

pitolo della nostra offerta e relativo al web hosting, con nuovi prodotti per la pitare la presenza delle aziende in nelo. Infino, c'è l'aspetto della visibilità, ciel commorcio elettronico e pubblicita, che tarà un vero centre di ricavi per Tin in un securdo tempo, cioli quando ci satà una maggiore diflutione dalle infrastrutture B. Cosa cambia per Tie con il suovo assetto societario dvi gruppo?

R. La struttura ara è più efficace e c'è mappiore efficienza sia nel governo aziendale sia nelle pouzibilità di integrazione commerciale. Il nazivo azionista crede fernuevente nello sviloppo di Istanat, su tutto la piattalorna, Abbiano annoscate l'iniciativa di offrire Pic semplici, ideati per la navigazione, in affitto, per aumentare la penetrazione superando la barnera dei costi, e con l'installazione in casa, con é massimo di aiuto all'utorite. Ma continuiarno a segure lo sviluppo delle altre piattatorne di accesso a Internet, dalla web Tv ai cellulari.

#### CORRIERE DELLA SERA

L'analisi elaborata dal perito nominato dal Tribunale valorizza le prospettive di crescita del gruppo

## «Tin.it vale 40.208 miliardi» Le conclusioni della Ernst & Young sulle attività Internet di Telecom

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"Mr. Net", faiuto virtuale di Tin

#### **Research and Development Manager at Telecom Italia (TILab)**

#### AZIENDA/TELECOM ITALIA LAB

La 'innovation company' Per la divisione di Telecom Italia ricerca e profitti non sono incompatibili

La margior parte di quel che fettamionte inutile. Pogine so pagine che non lettre neveno e nevuno vorrebbe leggere". Noo-è tenero con la Rete Andrea Granelli, vulcanico ceo (chief executive officer, cioè amministratore delegato) di Telecom Italia Lab, la muora husinew unit di Telecom Italia. Eppore la sensi, come una donna minteriosa che nasconde i suoi segreti e le sue contradicioni: "Snamo ancora cercando di capire che cos'e Internet, ogni giorno qualcano inventa una definizione nuova e nesnama è quella gimen" Trentanove anni e una curriera

che parte da una laterra in informatica e una borsa di studio al Corper approdute ai piani alti di Telecom, Granella e un po' un Ulisse del XXI secolo, con la smania di esplorare i territori sconosciuti, fare nuove experience, superare i limiti fissati da altri. Propette l'Odistata prosesima ventura in una seanza tutta in bianco, spuzi liberi, schestni di comparer e schemi misteriosi alla lavagna, in Como d'Itafia 41. a Roma. È il palazzo della direnione amerale Telecony Italia, e nelle stature di Grunelli l'atmosfera ricorda quella del Media Lab di Negroponte, o lo sede di una prometiente start updella new economy u pli uffici di un augressivo venture capitalist dell'ultima generatione. Impressioni comette, perche Telecom Italia Lub, nata il 23 penentio scorso, è futte queste cose e molte altre.

'L'iden buse maser dall'esistenza dello Cseli, il cristro di ricerca del gruppo Telecom Italia, che è uno dei più avanzati del mondo, e dall'intuirione di uniru la cioerca e l'attivnà di venture capital", spiego Graneili mentre pranza con un vasarto di soguri speciale f'di latte di bufala, e eccezionale?'): "Ne ho parlato con Columnoe abhiamo presentato il progetto alconsiglio di amministrazione". Il zisultain è una innovation company. attel The Innevation Company, perthe la missione di T-Lab - cost viene acconcipto il nonte della nuova azienda - è nutra concentrata in questa parola: "Si tratta di atimolare, seguire. gestice l'innovazione", spiega accora Granelli: "In mini i suce aspetti, dalla prima idea alla sua applicazione.



Andrea Granalli, anministration delegato di Telecon com Italia Lab, La nuova businessi unti di Telecon Italia na come missione qualta di silimolare, seguine e e gestire l'introvazione, senza mai perdere di visia l'obsimilio dei profitte.

comprese le risorse finanziarie allo stadio di venture capital e le alleiany strategiche necessarie per lavorare su un mercato mossiliale."

Tutto questo con un occhio ben published al meticano e al ritorne finanziati per il gruppo: T-Lab punta ud accoherane la creazione di ttuori servizi che portino colore agginerto e vantaggi competitivi al gruppo Telecom, nonché cé scritto nero au bianco) significativi guadami. Un'impostazione che ha fatto stortare qualche naso tra i paladimi della ricetca para, specie per quel che rigitarda il ruolo dello Cseltuna apa che impiega 1.000 ricercatori, con 1.5mila metriquadri di laboraturi a Toeino e che, insieme al Coet francese, « il fiore all'occhiello della ricerca europeo in questo actione. Tunto per ricordare qualcosa, e allo Caelt che e stam insentato e sviluppato l'Mp3, il famoso protocollo di compressione dei file musicali su Internet. Già oggi la ricerca pura è solo il 25% dell'attivita dello Cselt, considerata una miotalimite. Not si ruchin di peulere valore puntando alla riorrea del profitto? Andren Granelli non ha una risposta. Ne ha ire. E le ritiene tutte comincenti: "Primo", enuniera: "Telecom Italia

Lab non è la Compag. non deve produrre handware, matchine, computer, nuove tecnologie da brevetture. Nos stamo un service provider, un incubator, facciamo ncerca e svikopo e investianto in start up ad alto potenziale. Insomma, la nostra attività non è la caccia al breverto: Auche se...". Anche se? 'Ce un gap crairme da colmaer sal brevetti innovativi ura Esenpare Usa", dice Granelli mostriana na tabella comparativa. "Nel-1999 negli Usa sono stati presentati 272.221 breventi, in Europa solo 121.750 e in Italia 9.330". Bene. Secunda risposta", prosegne: "è il amiso della misuro, anche per i ricervatori. C'è uno spazio per il venuure copital 'early stage' teroe fase iniziale), la possibilità di fimanifiare ricerche che possono avere prospettive di basiness soloa lungo termine, ma i ricentatori devoto imparare a esere misurati. a trovare un equilibrio". La terma ruposta? "E un esempio: guardiamo quel che è successo con il ge-

- soma. In god caso in grade geoprito finanzino dagli Stati, lo Homus Genore Project, e una tierera li navelati del venture capital e condota da un'arienta privata che las per senyo il profitto, la Celera, hanno prodetto risultari sunti e sono arrivati a collaborare. Il la dimostrazione della possibilità, per il venture capital, di altronnava anche ricertte di base".

E. poi. Granelli ci tiene al rapporte con i riorreatori e con il mondo accademion. Anzi, ne fa un pueto cardine della strategia di Telecom Italia Lab alla pari con la ricerca e il business. Si va da Delphi, una specie di oracolo collettivo per predire il futuro della socierà, dell'economia e dell'inposazione. the councilge tra gli altri Stefano Rodata Alberto Abruzanse, Luigi Spaventa, Paolo Savona, Antonio Ruberti, a un laboratorio della conoscenza con cattedratici delle più importanti università italiane che sperimentano le trasve tecnologie applicate all'insegnamento, alla collaborazione sinergica con il Mit. E c'e anche il progetto di una vern e-university, con un corso di latarea in science delle comunicacioni: "Il più adatto per sperirormare il nuovo modello di aniversità, che nasce dalla disposibilità delle move tecnologie", spiego Granelli "Si tratta di cam-





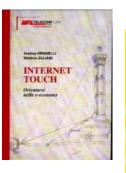




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## **Co-founder with Flavia Trupi of «PerLaRE», Association for Rhetoric** (April 22, 2015) ...





#### ...and he organized a 'war of words' between Tor Vergata University and Regina Coeli Prison (March 15, 2016) ...



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Rhetoric is not just a «cultural supplement», it is the **art of reason**, and persuasion is just a part of it, even if it is very important.

Rhetoric is actually **the most important «mind technology»** we have. Through it – as through a software – experts can exceed average performance skills.

"The word has a tremendous power, since from a tiny and invisible body divine creations come to life: it can instill the joy, eliminate pain, enhance compassion, put an end to fear"



Gorgia da Lentini 483 – 374 B.C.

#### Rhetoric as antidote to violence and war

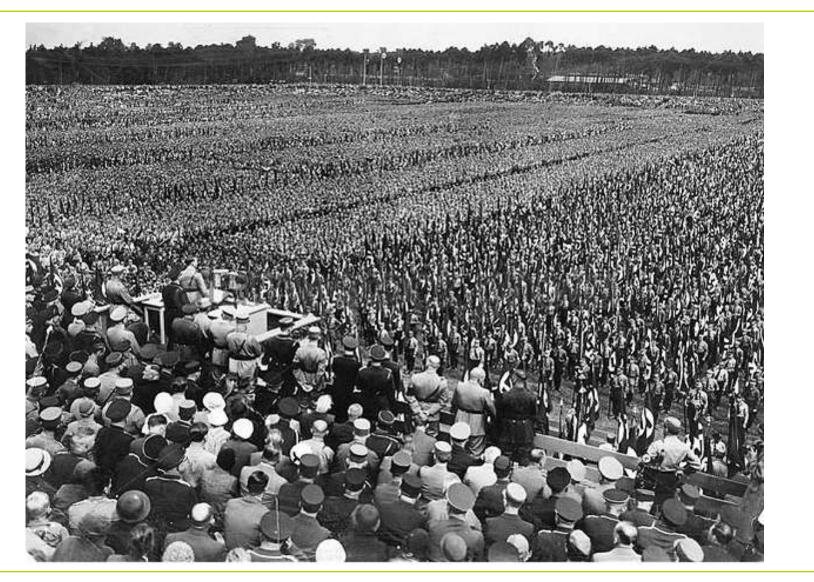


The first human being who hurled a curse against his adversary instead of a rock was the founder of civilization (Sigmund Freud "On the Psychical Mechanism of Hysterical Phenomena")

*To create dialogue is to also avoid the two extremes that are monologue and war* (Tzvetan Todorov)









#### The birth of «fake news»



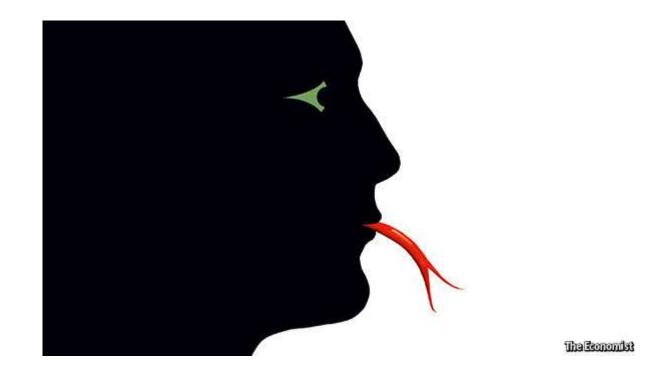


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## Politicians have always lied. Does it matter if they leave the truth behind entirely?



Consider how far Donald Trump is estranged from fact. He inhabits a fantastical realm where Barack Obama's birth certificate was faked, the president founded Islamic State (IS), the Clintons are killers and the father of a rival was with Lee Harvey Oswald before he shot John F. Kennedy. Mr Trump is the leading exponent of "**post-truth**" politics - a reliance on assertions that "feel true" but have no basis in fact.

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#### *It's Not What You Say. It's What People Hear* (Frank Lutz – spin doctor –, *Words That Work*)



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When a project, a new product, a start-up or just a business idea is presented, the aim is persuading the listener to approve what is offered.

This kind of speech was called by ancient rethors **<u>deliberative</u>** and it is one of the three types of speech; the other two types are:

- <u>defensive/judiciary</u>: when you talk of guilty/innocent, referring to the past;
- <u>celebratory/epideictic</u>: when you talk of values good/bad referring to the present;

Differently, the deliberative speech is talking of **usefulness-benefits/ harmfulness-danger** referring to the future: <u>its aim is not telling the truth</u> <u>but presenting the best reasonable choice to make with the information you</u> <u>have (that frequently are not enough)</u> Every monologue is actually a dialogue.

**The orator** – who talks and speaks to persuade – **is never alone**: he/she always talks together with or against other orators (present or implicit in the audience) and referring to other speeches.



### Probabilism and the "theory of verisimilitude"

Cicero – referring to the "theory of verimilitude" by Carneade di Cirene (214-120 B.C.) – claimed that verisimilitude cannot be demonstrated, but that doesn't mean it is neither good nor valid:





«When the wise man boards a ship, he surely does not know and perceive in his mind that the voyage will be successful – how can he? But if he were now setting out from here for Puteoli, a journey of thirty stades, with an honest crew and a good steersman in the present calm weather, it would seem convincing to him that he would get there safely» (Cicero, Academica II)

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#### The World Cloud of disciplines correlated to rhetoric



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There are three **ways of talking of "burning" issues** (urgent, present, that can strongly influence our life). These ways are a mixture of arguing techniques, communication attitudes and personal styles.

- Talking to the HEAD (<u>Logos</u>): persuading with logical arguments and «objective» facts; it is typical of intellectuals
- Talking to the HEART (<u>constructive Pathos</u>): persuading through love, mercy and grace; the *Ethos* is fundamental; it is typical of religious people and mystics
- Talking to the **BELLY** (*destructive Pathos*): persuading through fear, envy, frustration caused by injustices, desire of liberation; it is typical of populists

#### **Orator's qualities**

According to Cicero (*De Oratore*) the <u>"perfect"</u> orator must have:

- The debater's acuity
- The philosopher's intensity
- The poet's verbal skills
- The jurist's memory
- The tragedian's voice
- The best actors' gesture



The Orator (II-I sec B.C., National Archaeological Museum (Florence)

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- **PREPARATION:** preparing carefully the presentation
- **PREAMBLE**: getting off to a good start
- THE CORE OF THE PRESENTATION
  - **THE OFFER**: presenting the offer with strenght, reliability and sintetically
  - THE PROOFS IN SUPPORT OF the offer...to demonstrate it is not just a good offer but also that it «is not just the first (and only) solution that occurred»
- **DISCUSSION (Q & A)**: ending with a bang and managing the debate with the audience
- **NEXT STEP**: where will we start from tomorrow morning?

### Getting off to a good start: THE PREAMBLE

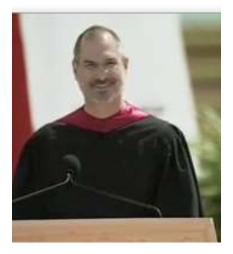
- **Ice-breaking**...a light but «natural» joke
- What are we talking about today? (the TOPIC)
- Why do we have to deal with this topic? (being more FOCUS-oriented as possible)... Why should it be interesting to you?
- Why am I talking about this topic? (*Captatio Benevolentiae* to "receive attention and kindness")
  - Why am I reliable to talk about this topic? (haughtiness is often used: "it's not me talking but our clients")
  - Why the others (not only the competitors, but also the people listening) didn't do it before me? (paying attention not to «blame» implicitly the listener)
- Why are we in this situation? ... Which was the cause/who is «guilty»?
- Why do we have to talk about it today? (verifying the KAIROS to communicate strongly the sense of urgence; if possible quoting a recent fact/event known by the audience, which is connected with the project's aims...)
  - What happens when we do nothing?
  - When is better to start? (ideally at once)
  - Can you balance the speech (depending on what you have on your agenda)?

#### Analyzing and understanding the audience and planning the event

- Identifying preminent values, clichés, taboos and dominant desires
- Wondering "Do they know me? What do they know about me? What do they think about me/do they have prejudices?"
- Catching and considering the «second speech» and listener's expectations
- Choosing the appropriate style (depending on the audience+context)
- Preparing the final discussion (Q&A) with the *utramque partem* technique

In the *incipit*, the *captatio benevolentiae* (sometimes also the *excusatio propter infirmitatem*) is not used only as an ice-breaker and to create the context, it lays also the foundations to use the ethos as persuasive instrument.»...)?

*«I am honored to be with you today at your commencement from one of the finest universities in the world. I never graduated from college. Truth be told, this is the closest I've ever gotten to a college graduation. Today I want to tell you three stories from my life. That's it. No big deal. Just three stories.»* 



Steve Jobs: Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish (Stanford, June 12, 2005)

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#### The power of *incipit*...going outside the box

- Sing, goddess, the anger of Peleus' son Achilleus and its devastation, which put pains thousandfold upon the Achaians (Homer, *The Iliad*)
- Sing in me, Muse, and through me tell the story of that man skilled in all ways of contending, the wanderer, harried for years on end, after he plundered the stronghold on the proud height of Troy. He saw the townlands and learned the minds of many distant men, and weathered many bitter nights and days in his deep heart at sea, while he fought only to save his life, to bring his shipmates home. (Homer, *The Odyssey*)
- This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob (*The Gospel* of Matthew)
- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.(*The Gospel* of John)
- The ladies, the knights, the arms, the loves, the courteous deeds, the daring undertakings I sing (Ludovico Ariosto, *Orlando furioso*)
- 'In the middle of the journey of our life I found myself within a dark woods where the straight way was lost.'(Dante Alighieri, *The Divine Comedy*)
- In a village of La Mancha, the name of which I have no desire to call to mind, there lived not long since one of those gentlemen that keep a lance in the lance-rack, an old buckler, a lean hack, and a greyhound for coursing. (Miguel de Cervantes, *Don Quixote*)

Tell me a fact, and I'll learn. Tell me a truth, and I'll believe, but <u>tell me</u> a story and it will live in my heart forever (Old Indian proverb)

All means and all tells! And the body tells too: the human body is a telling body...and the story creates changes ...

Bible's stories help us to **tell the unspeakable and shape the unthinkable**. The narrative skill coming from these texts lets us «speak» and release from anxiety and interior darkness, taking them «out of us» (Luciano Manicardi, *Raccontami una storia. Narrazione come luogo educativo*)

"A man tells his stories so many times that he becomes the stories.

They live on after him, and in that way he becomes immortal." (*Big Fish* movie by Tim Burton)

We need a version of events, that **<u>enables us to live with ourselves</u>** – that confers an identity that is both stable and acceptable.

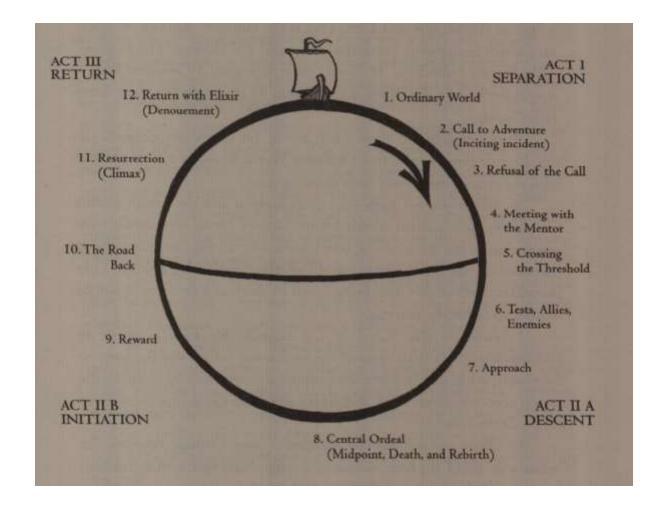
Collectively, we also need a version of events that allows us to make sense of each other's words and actions and so interact socially.

These stories need a certain factual consistency, but since we never have a perfect knowledge of the facts, **plausibility is more important than accuracy**.

Fonte: Management. John Hendry, A Very Short Introduction (Oxford University Press, 2013)



#### **The Hero's Journey**



FONTE: Christopher Vogler, The Writer's Journey. Mythic Structure for Writers (2007)

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#### Some additional elements: starting again from Cicero's canon

**INVENTIO** 

DISPOSITIO **ELOCUTIO**  MEMORIA

**ACTIO** 

**Discovering what** to say: looking for «places» (arguments) through which obtaining the approval of minds, thanks to a series of passages.

Arranging what you found: the «advantageous» arrangement of the arguments on the basis of a well planned speech strategy; in this part the rhetoric body is not so far from the logicscientific body.

Decorating your speech: using verbal expression skills (when you say «having a good way of speaking» and «eloquence») inside the argomentative grid made with inventio and dispositio.

Drawing from your memory: the techniques used by orators – such as the «places of memory» - to remember articulate speeches with no written support.

Declaiming the speech like an actor (today it would be called performance): the physical part is fundamental, the good orator cannot just think and speak, he must «act», presenting the speech using dramatic elements.



#### The *dispositio*

«But just as it is not sufficient for those who are erecting a building merely to collect stone and timber and other building materials, but skilled masons are required to arrange and place them, so in speaking, however abundant the matter may be, it will merely form a confused heap unless arrangement be employed to reduce it to order and give it connexion and firmness of structure.



Similarly if oratory lack this virtue, it cannot fail to be confused, but will be like a ship drifting without a helmsman, will lack cohesion, will fall into countless repetitions and omissions, and, like a traveler who has lost his way in unfamiliar country, will be guided solely by chance without fixed purpose or the least idea either of starting-point or goal. So likewise disposition is a useful distribution of things and parts into places.»

FONTE: Quintiliano, Institutio Oratoria, VII, 1

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#### The main two orders of presentations

There are two main methods, complementary between them, to arrange the arguments in the argumentative flow.

- 1. The first is the **ascending-order presentation**: you start with weaker arguments and go on with stronger ones. The risk is that the audience, not impressed from the first sentences, will have a negative opinion of the argumentation and detract attention.
- 2. The second is the **descending-order presentation**: through this method of course the risk of the first method is avoided, since you can impress the audience positively from the very first moment. The risk is that, going on with the argumentation, the argumentative quality decreases and consequently the listener's attention (and contact) too.

These two methods are similar to the military approach of the Second World War: the **Germans** lined up the best soldiers first to hit the enemy immediately and drastically. Differently the **Americans** lined up the younger soldiers first to tire the enemies and then the experienced soldiers to give the *coup de grâce*.



Homer's and Nestor's order is a third method of arranging the arguments in the argumentative flow and it is referred to the order that Nestor gave to the Greek troops in the fourth Iliad's book, **the less expert in the middle**,

«Nestor ...placed his horsemen with their chariots and horses in the front rank, while the foot-soldiers, brave men and many, whom he could trust, were in the rear. The cowards he drove into the middle, that they might fight whether they would or no.»

Homer's and Nestor's order consists of using **the more solid argumentations at the beginning and at the end**, distributing in the middle of the speech the weaker reasons:

Iliad, IV, 361-367





#### The expressive power of the face



Thanks to our facial muscles we can have <u>10.000 different expressions</u>: a face, a story



#### Hitler's «actio»



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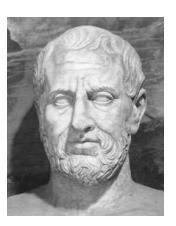
#### An «atypical» example of *actio*: the sign language



Interpretation of Eminem's song Lose Yourself using the ASL (American Sign Language)

Source: www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnAofkVHZOQ

Use always the **Theophrastus's principle** which suggests to **leave always to the listener something to complete** (or – better – to be improved through his/her competences)



This principle is useful to **transform a monologue in a dialogue with the listener** (and whom is judging). Leave space to (or better, create the conditions for and focus on...) **smart questions** (which you have prepared answers to) rather than "saying all the necessary" and "shut the mouth" of the listeners who would like to ask questions but are afraid of «being caught out» (the typical behaviour caused by performance anxiety, that shows personal insecurity and partial knowledge of the subject).

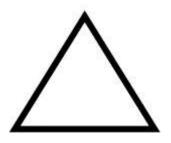
You have to create the conditions for «constructive» questions, rather than «pedantic» questions, in order to make the communication more active and make it easier to focus the listener's interests and priorities.

#### The «principle of three»

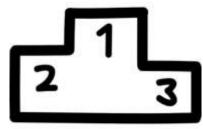
- Using if possible the "principle of three": three has been considered for centuries the ultimate magic number, almost a divine or infernal sign. It represents harmony and balance. It is not too much (like 4), not too little (like 2).
  - Playwrights know that 3 is more dramatic than 2; comedians know that 3 is funnier than 4, and Steve Jobs knows that 3 is more memorable than 6 or 8. You might have 20 points to make about your product, but your audience is only capable of holding 3 or 4 points in short term memory. Give them too many points and they'll forget everything (Carmine Gallo, *The Presentation Secrets of Steve Jobs*).

#### The «principle of three»: some examples

Veni, Vidi, Vici (Cesar)



Father, Sono and Holy Spirit Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Through him, and with him, and in him Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison The three Kings



We honor those who walked so we could run. We must run so our children soar. (Barak Obama)



3 is the «perfect number» of important things to say and remember: one is «indoctrination», two is an incomplete suggestion; four are too many elements to remember. Like it or not, you are a negotiator. Negotiation is a fact of life (Roger Fisher, William Ury, Getting to Yes)

<u>The goal cannot and should not be to eliminate conflict</u>. CONFLICT is an inevitable - and useful - part of life. Because conflict often leads to change and generates insight ... <u>The challenge is not to eliminate conflict but to transform</u> <u>it</u>. It is to change the way we deal with our differences – from destructive, adversarial battling to hard-headed, side-by-side problem solving.

**Without communication there is no negotiation**. Negotiation is a process of communicating back and forth for the purpose of reaching a joint decision.





*Program on Negotiation* in an interdisciplinary consortium of *Harvard Law School* aiming at connecting rigorous research and training (scolarship) on "<u>*negotiation*</u>" and "<u>*dispute*</u>" *<u><i>resolution*</u>" focusing on practice. They have invented the "**Principled Negotiation**" method which is half-way between aggressive and soft negotiation:

- Separate **people** from the **problem**
- Focus on **interests** rather than **positions**
- Invent a series of <u>options</u> in order to obtain mutual benefits before deciding what to do
- Insist on the fact that <u>the negotiation outcome</u> is based on objective criteria
- Keep always in mind your **BATNA** (Best Alternative To Negotiated Agreement)



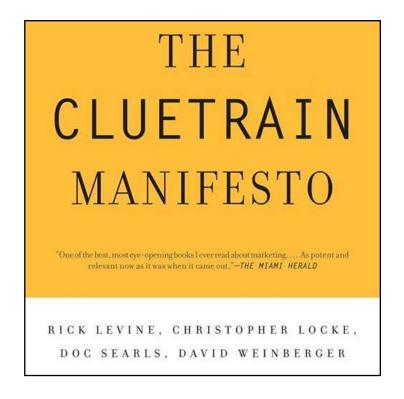
## The art of negotiating: some topics

- Transforming thanks to the art of negotiating a manager in a leader
- Handle people or «complicated» problems
  - Dealing with an emotional employee?
  - Trying to manage an angry client?
  - Struggling with a hard-bargaining boss?
- Handle «complicated» conversations
- Being able to say «no» efficiently
- Bargaining with the devil
- Motivating the team with no bonus or incentive
- ...



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## **Cluetrain manifesto**



"A powerful global conversation has begun. Through the Internet, people are discovering and inventing new ways to share relevant knowledge with blinding speed. As a direct result, markets are getting smarter—and getting smarter faster than most companies."

The Manifesto is made of 95 thesis:

THESIS 1: «Markets are conversations»

The «train of clues» (*cluetrain*) that unveil the future before it's too late... (1999)

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INVENTIO	DISPOSITIO	ELOCUTIO	MEMORIA	ACTIO
Where to find and how to use «digital objects» (not just the text, but also images, sounds, animation, links, dialog boxes)	How to organize «digital objects» in an efficient, impressive and clear way	How to decorate and make the argumentation/ communication more attractive and captivating	How to organize knowledge with the digital and how to draw from it when it is necessary, to support the communication	How to make the communicative performance more efficient

efficiently

Apart from a "digital rhetoric", it is necessary to have a «Web epistemology», which means studying the basis, limits and validity of this new kind of knowledge

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Andrea Granelli, Flavia Trupia Le cinque regole della retorica per l'era digitale



Cicerone e Aristotele avevano elaborato un metodo pratico ed efficacissimo – il canone – per costruire un ragionamento convincente. Questa metodo – ancora valido – va però riletto con le lenti del digitale

Pubblicato: settembre 22, 2014



COMMUNICATION IL MONDO DIGITALE E L'EMERGERE **DELLA (NEO)RETORICA** La pervasività del digitale e il suo essere il principale strumento sia di produzione di contenuti sia di supporto alla comunicazione è oramai un faeto assodato. Il digitale non è più dunque solo il luogo della proceduralizzazione, dell'turomazione, dell'urchiviazione, delle eransazioni (commerciali e finanziarië). E neanche solo il luogo del racconto digitale a tutti i costi: siti web, banner pubblicitari, presenza diguale sui social media... È alero, e richiede di essere ripensato nei suoi paradigmi espressivi. IT ANDREA GRANELU Sil digitale, da tempo, non si limita più al semplice supporto dei processi di comunicacione rue sta diventande la comunicatione dassa. Sempre più bogarnio mantic, infatti, il digitale ils enta occasione per un vero e proprio ripensamento dello storest atto comprisativo, della sua formae dei suoi obiettivi. Già il famoso Chattrain Marifesty - il mato pararchiet scritto nal 1999 da un gruppo di coperti di internet affermara in maniora chiara come oranai le regule del gioco della menunicazioni fru aniersde e i clienti Sonarto cambiate in modo radicale. Per altro McLuhan ci ricorila sempre che "il mezzo è il messaggio". il merco (digitale) condiziona fortemente i contenuti che veicola eil coso stesso diviene messaggie. Mandare un SMS, una mail, produrre e pubblicare un filmato su "StaTube o scrivere "I like" so Facebook, sono atti comunicativi dove già la scelta di un corto ambiente rispetto a un altro veicola un informacione; inoltre l'ambient scelto force una specifica articulazione del mesaggio, forcando repuls sintattiche a semantiche a imponendo stili comunicativi. Quanta tudicale trasformazione attivata dal digitale non solo nei processi produttivi ma anche nei flussi comunicativi richiede nazwe competence, soprattum nel managar. Il rapporto di McKinosy sul 44 AdV (ana ogie di comanilogrione ) advertise it

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- <u>Always start if possible from reliable and proven sources (such as Treccani encyclopedia, academic websites, non-commercial websites).</u>
- <u>Always verify the sources both on the Web (through multiple and crossed researches and comparing the results) and "offline"</u> on books that contain the quotes and excerpts you found.
- <u>Use Wikipedia with caution</u> and remember that this encyclopedia when a *lemma* is published is not based on the criteria of truth (the information is not verified, unless it is a particularly striking case) but on the source reliability.
- <u>Acquire skills to use Google</u>. At the beginning there was the <u>PageRank</u> (a classification of the website reliability, counting the incoming links), but recently the algorithms used by Google multiplied and stratified, including the use of semantic technologies and proliferation of users. Another innovation is the <u>Trust Rank</u>, which includes the evaluation by human operators who build the reliability index of a specific domain.

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# THE POWER OF IMAGES

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#### When the word does not «hit»





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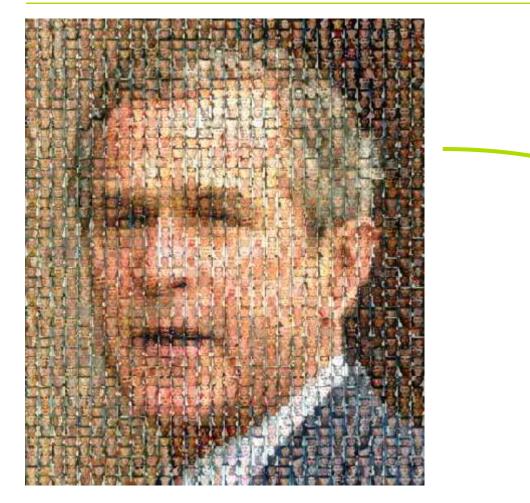


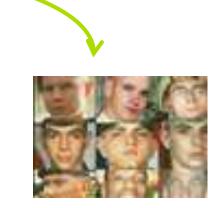
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## «Hiding» images: the photomosaic (reading among the pixels)





WAR PRESIDENT: Photo of Bush made with photos of the victims of the war in Iraq

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## «Cheating» images: Julian Beever's anamorphosis







#### «Touching» images: the «scream of stone»



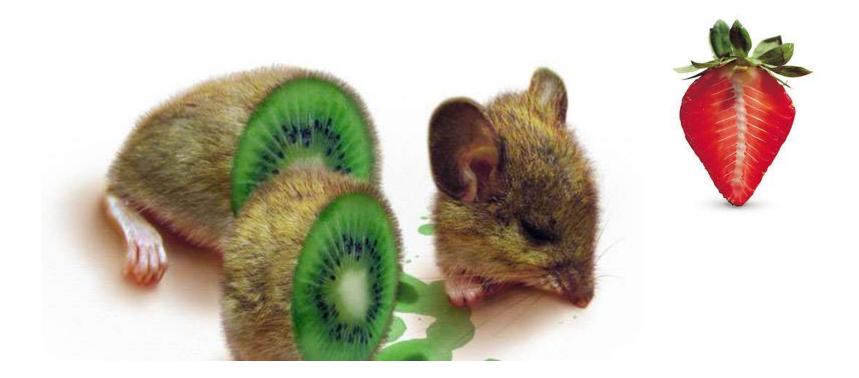
Niccolò dell'Arca: Lamentation of Christ, terracotta – detail (1485, Bologna, Santa Maria della Vita)



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## «Disturbing» images: a «diverging» visual oxymoron





## «Attracting» images: a «converging» visual oxymoron



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#### Images that «strenghten»: a «converging» visual oxymoron



The famous Jacques-Louis David's «Napoleon Crossing the Alps» is the result of a specific request by Napoleon himself to the painter: he wanted to appear "calm, mounted on a fiery steed"



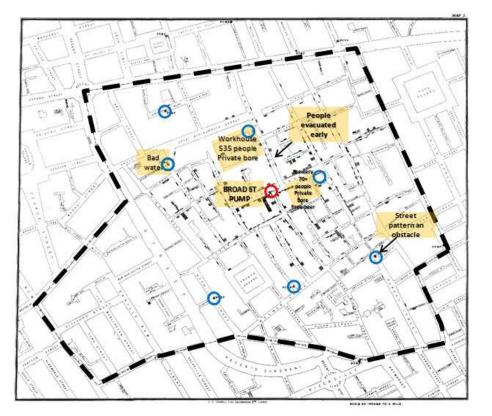
## **Ambiguous images**



Source: W.E. Hill, y wife and my mother-in-law, comic strip, 1915



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Wells are circled (the infected Broad street in red) every death is a «dash»

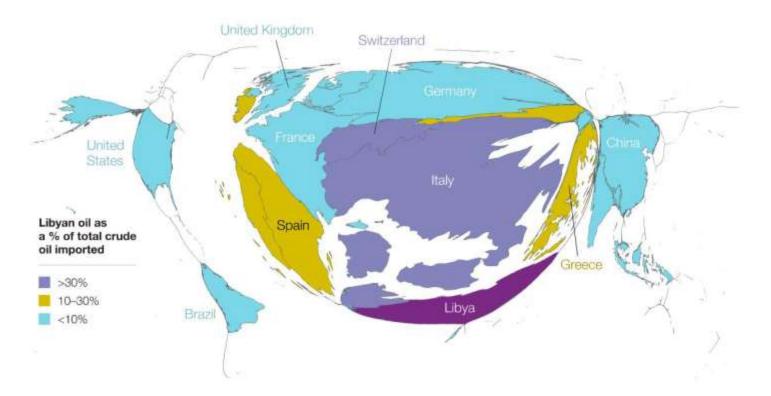
John Snow – considered the father of epidemiology – rather than just representing (traditionally) the chronological series of deaths caused by cholera which hit London in 1854 – **marked on the city map the places** where people died of cholera and the location of water pumps. This image gave a striking idea of the cause and effect relationship.

This choice of representation was coherent with the idea that cholera could be transmitted through infected water. The discovery of the infected well demonstrated this hypothesis and this «graphic demonstration» confuted the previous scientific theory, that supposed transmission through the air.

#### Innovative representations: the *Rooted Map*

#### Libya exports most of its oil to Europe.

Countries sized by share of Libyan oil exports, 2007-09



Source: Pankaj Ghemawat | McKinsey Quaterly, August 2011)

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## Renzi's hashtag



A year at Palazzo Chigi in 111 hashtags. Tendencies and popularity of Matteo Renzi's tweets during his first 365 days as Prime Minister, have been analysed by a study of DtoK Lab. These are his most used keywords (la Repubblica, February 20, 2015)

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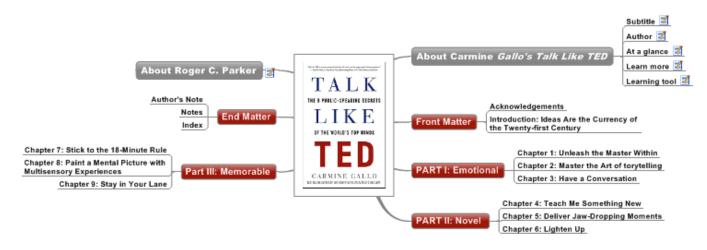


## TED: an example of *declamatio* in the digital era





## The **«TED Lab» confirms Cicero's theories about the good** rhetor's qualities

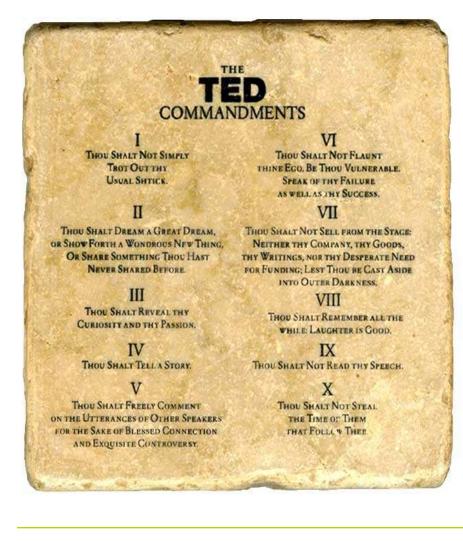


**DOCERE**: secret # 4 - **Teach Me Someting New**. The brain analyzes new things first in order to understand if they are useful or dangerous

*MOVERE*: <u>secret #5 - **Deliver Jaw-Dropping Moments**</u>. High emotional events – that neuroscientists call *ECS* (*Emotionally Competent Stimulus*) move the amygdala and they are the external events the brain analyzes and memorize better. The brain has indeed the function of elaborating pulses rather than words.

**DELECTARE**: secret #6 - Lighten Up (The brain loves umor). Humour lowers psychological defenses facilitating the reception of the message and make it new facilitating the memorization. Moreover, causing the laugh, an emotional and behavorial affinity between the speaker and the listener is created.

#### TED: an example of *declamatio* in the digital era



- 1. Thou Shalt Not Simply Trot Out thy Usual Shtick Thou Shalt Dream a Great Dream, or Show Forth a Wondrous New Thing, Or Share Something Thou Hast Never Shared Before
- 2. Thou Shalt Reveal thy Curiosity and Thy Passion
- 3. Thou Shalt Tell a Story
- 4. Thou Shalt Freely Comment on the Utterances of Other Speakers for the Skae of Blessed Connection and Exquisite ControversyThou Shalt Not Flaunt thine Ego. Be Thou Vulnerable. Speak of thy Failure as well as thy Success. Thou Shalt Not Sell from the Stage: Neither thy Company, thy Goods, thy Writings, nor thy Desparate need for Funding; Lest Thou be Cast Aside into Outer Darkness. Thou Shalt Remember all the while: Laughter is Good. Thou Shalt Not Read thy Speech.
- 5. Thou Shalt Not Steal the Time of Them that Follow Thee

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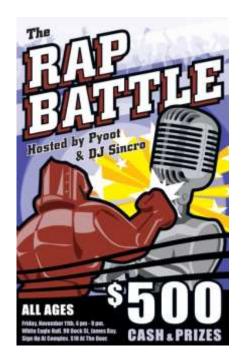
**1. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE...** 



## An example of XXI century *disputatio*: *hip hop «rap game*» and *«contest freestyle battle»*



Eminem in the movie 8 Mile (2002)





- **1. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE...**
- 2. READ, READ, READ...



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## The birth of «PerLaRE» the association for rhetoric

April 22, 2015





The president is Flavia Trupia, communication consultant, *blogger, ghostwriter*, specialized in rhetoric applied to corporate communication





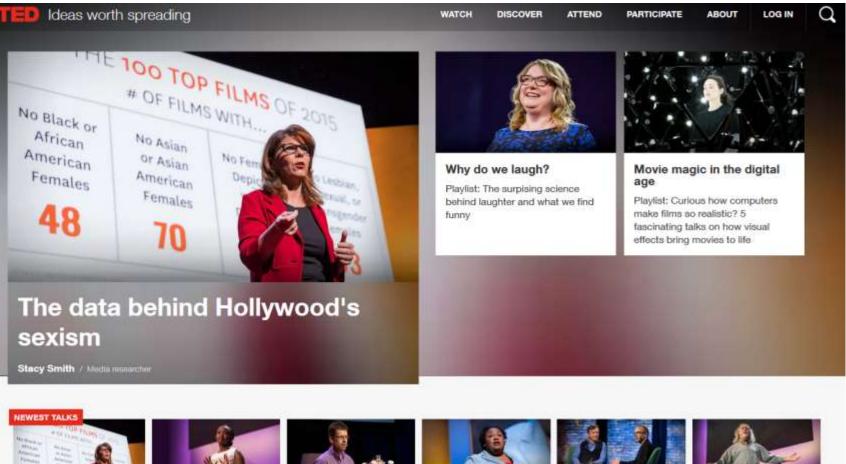


- **1. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE...**
- 2. READ, READ, READ...
- 3. ...GET FAMILIAR WITH TED





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