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Noel proposes a different stance for design education when she notes how “[t]hese curricula separate design education from innovation or consumption, and instead focus on identity, agency, culture, and building thinking skills” (Noel, 2020, p.5).

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“This research found that the design studio is not a universal, neutral, or a timeless approach to design education. It was developed by European schools and, thus, embodies European values and definitions of what design is and what a designer could be. When appropriated by the Global South, these values and definitions should be taken with a good grain of salt. Educators are left with non-trivial questions such as: what does interaction design mean in my locality? Which kind of designer do we want to train? Which kind of design autonomy should we nurture?” (van Amstel & Gonzatto, 2020, p. 17) [X Long quotation]

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