The Enlightenment Project

- The individual: centered, conscious, rational
- History: series of events governed by laws of causation
- Civilization: progress
- Language: epistemologically reliable
Structuralism: one critique of Enlightenment project

- Individual: influenced and composed by its society, under power of irrational subconscious
- History: events are less important than long-term factors. No causation, adaptation.
- Civilization: no notion of progress
- Language: Meaning in language is arbitrarily assigned by individual cultures