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Press Release

Members of HKU Faculty of Education Share Innovative Ways of Online Teaching and Collaboration

The Faculty of Education at the University of Hong Kong (HKU) has been focusing on enhancing student learning through effective use of technologies. This has become especially important given the outbreak of the novel coronavirus in Hong Kong, as a result of which teaching and learning have to be conducted online. Some of our Faculty members would like to share their skills, knowledge and experience in online teaching and collaboration with teachers and the community.

Resources and Tips on Online Teaching and Collaboration

The e-Learning Team of the Faculty led by Dr Susan Bridges, our Assistant Dean (Learning & Teaching), have invited several teaching staff members to share their valuable experience in the form of blog posts. These colleagues have introduced many platforms and digital tools for online teaching and student collaboration. More importantly, they have elaborated on their rationales and shared concrete suggestions on how to apply those technologies in the most effective and interactive ways.

Below is a list of blog posts by our faculty colleagues:

How to make online teaching and learning more interactive by Ms Tanya Kempston, Lecturer, Academic Unit of Teacher Education and Learning Leadership (TELL) and Miss Nicole J. Tavares, Senior Lecturer, TELL:

<https://elearning.edu.hku.hk/2020/01/31/make-online-teaching-and-learning-more-interactive/>

How to make a video for teaching purposes by Dr Tai Chung Pui, Assistant Professor, Academic Unit of Social Contexts and Policies of Education (SCAPE):

<https://elearning.edu.hku.hk/2020/02/01/how-to-make-a-video-for-teaching-purposes/>

Less is more: Tips for making teaching videos by Professor Steve Walsh, Visiting Professor, TELL:

<https://elearning.edu.hku.hk/2020/02/04/less-is-more-tips-for-making-teaching-videos/>

Facilitating Online Collaboration (Part 1) – Visualisation Tools by Dr Susan Bridges, Assistant Dean (Learning & Teaching):

<https://elearning.edu.hku.hk/2020/02/17/facilitating-online-collaboration-part-1-visualization-tools/>

Facilitating Online Collaboration (Part 2) – A Toolkit for Remote Collaboration in Research and Teaching by Dr Peter Cobb, Assistant Professor, Academic Unit of Human Communication, Development, and Information Sciences (CDIS):

<https://elearning.edu.hku.hk/2020/02/19/facilitating-online-collaboration-part-2-a-toolkit-for-remote-collaboration-in-research-and-teaching>

In addition to the blog posts contributed by the teaching staff, the e-Learning Team have also showcased their projects and included resources for Moodle, the online learning platform used across the University. Please visit their website for more information: <https://elearning.edu.hku.hk/>

Technology-enhanced Learning (TeL)@HKU

To support teachers and to assist them in creating engaging and interesting online lessons, Dr Cecilia Chan, Associate Professor, Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning and affiliated with TELL, coordinated a project called TeL@HKU. The project comes with a website which contains useful materials on how to apply technology for the purpose of enhancing teaching and learning. There are practical “how-to” guides on adopting specific TeL approaches (e.g. online discussion, podcast), as well as a list of technological tools and explanations of how they are used. In addition, a set of short animations and videos are being produced to guide teachers in their instructional design and to showcase good practices from teachers in HKU.

Please visit the project website for useful resources: <https://www.cetl.hku.hk/tel/>

A short introduction video of the project: <https://youtu.be/xKqipm9fFE8>

For more information about the Faculty, please visit the Faculty website (<https://web.edu.hku.hk>) and the following social media platforms:

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Twitter: https://www.twitter.com/hku_education

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Weibo: <https://www.weibo.com/hkueducation>

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