

HKU PGDE FT EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING 2023-24

AUG 25, 2023



Take 5 minutes with your neighbour, take turns and ask each other ...

- Your name and your programme?
- Why did you apply to this programme / why do you want to become a teacher?
- What EL projects are you interested in?

ICE-BREAKING



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ICE-BREAKING



Share your answers!



What challenges do
teachers nowadays
face?



Trends Shaping Education

- Growth
- Living and Working
- Knowledge and Power
- Identity and Belonging
- Our Changing Nature

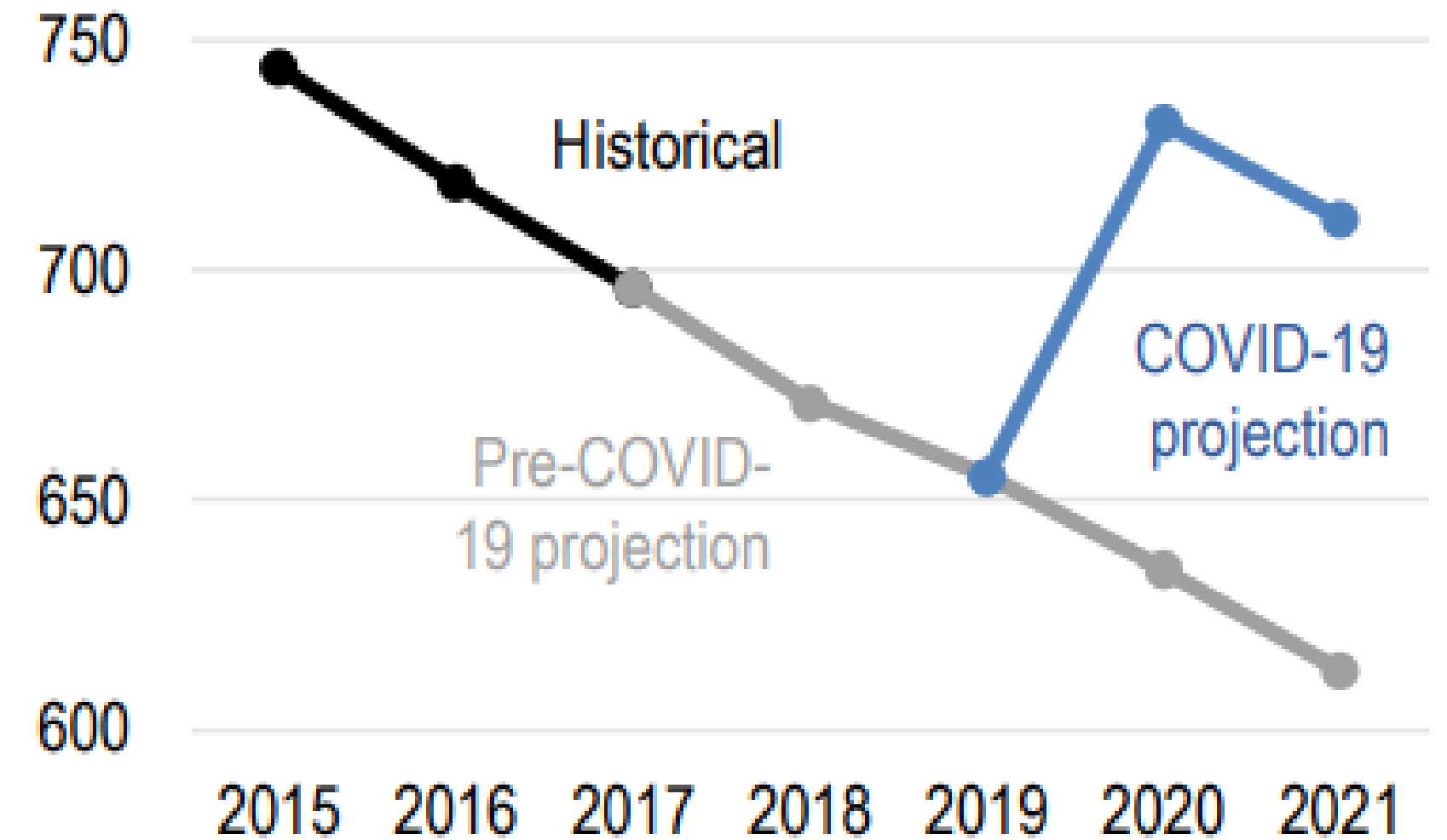


(OECD, 2022)

- Inequality & Income Gap

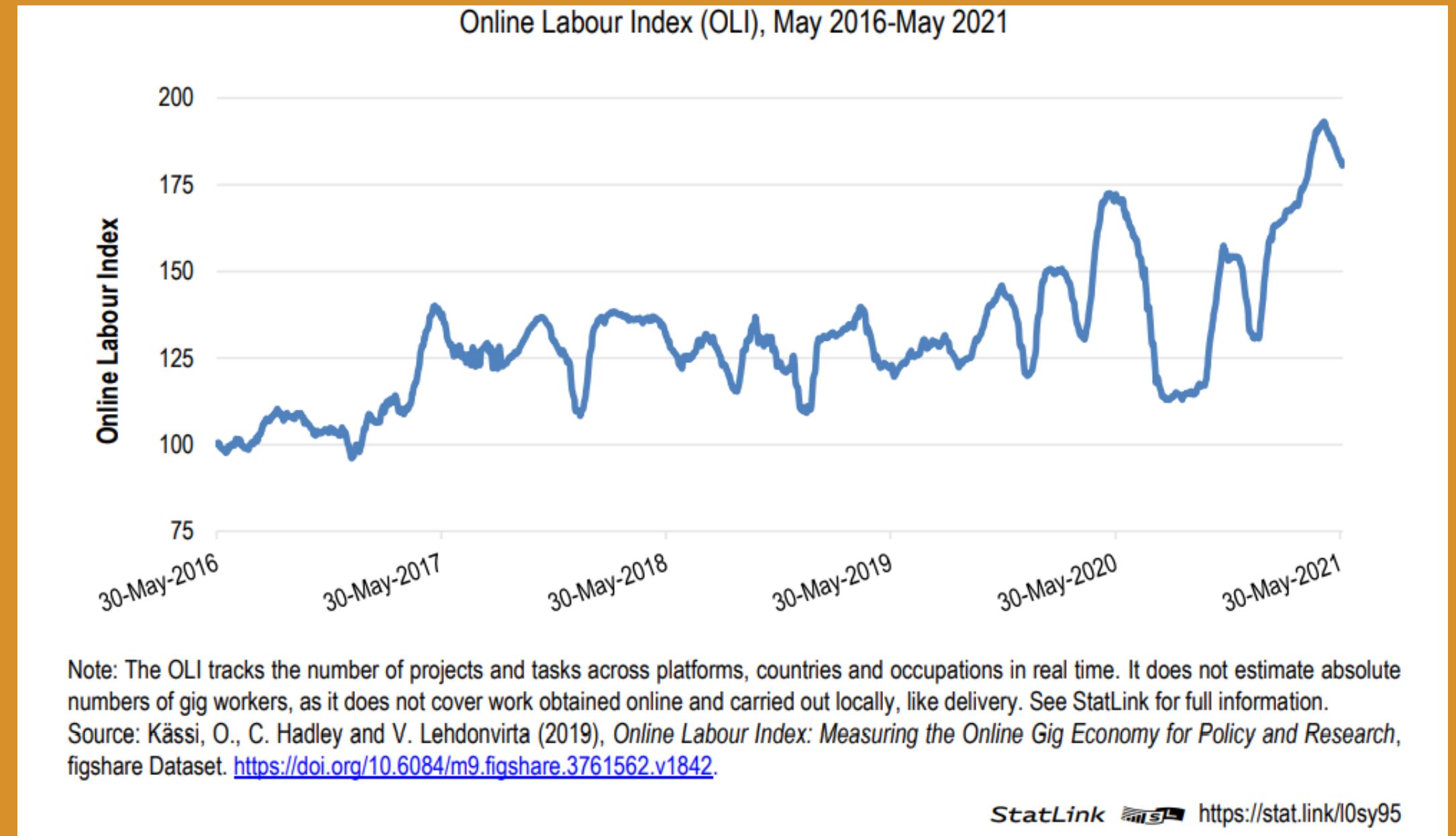
GROWTH

Global extreme poverty, millions of people, 2015-2021



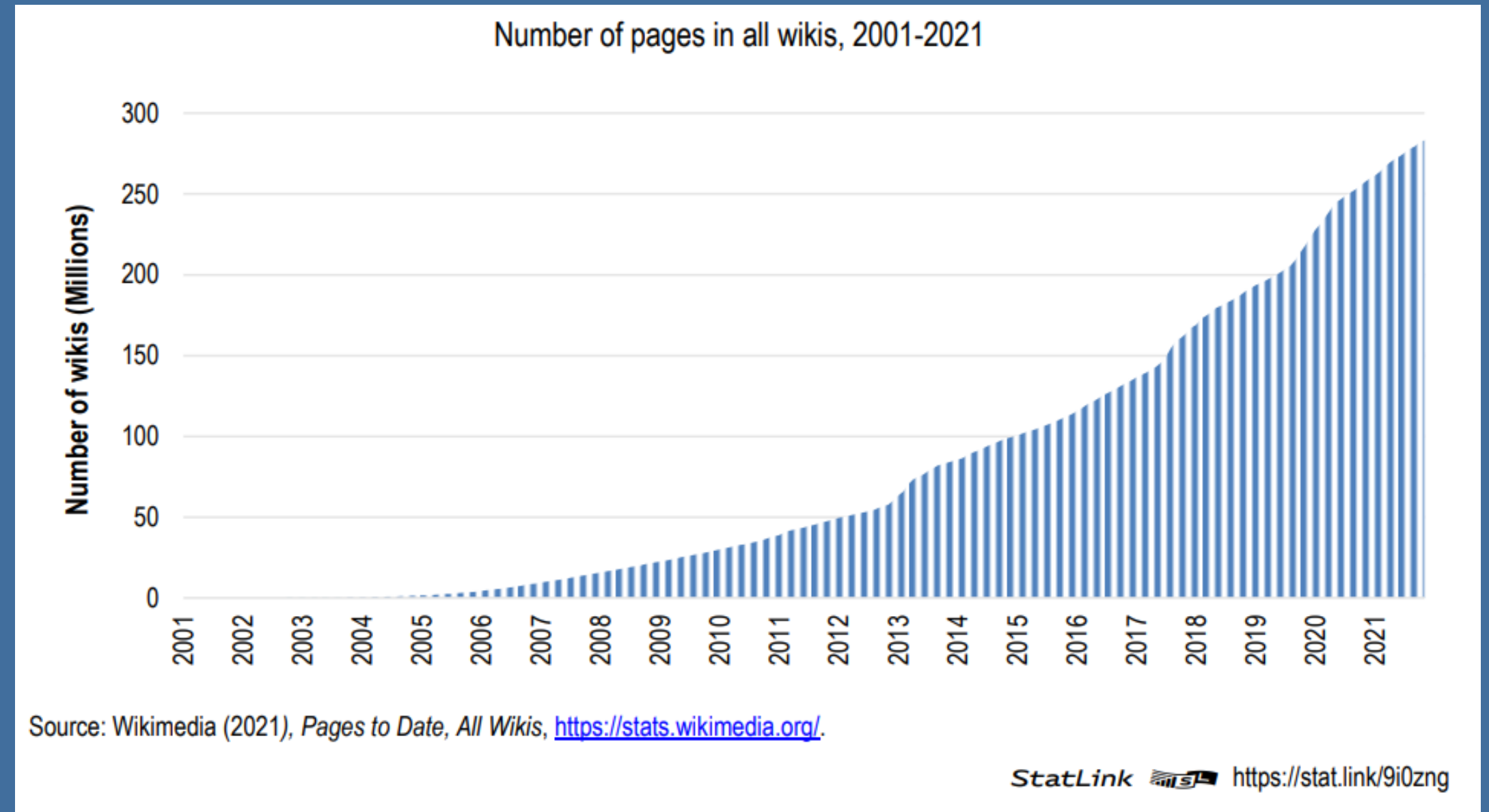
World Bank Group (2021), <https://blogs.worldbank.org/>

- Change in mode of employment
- and more...

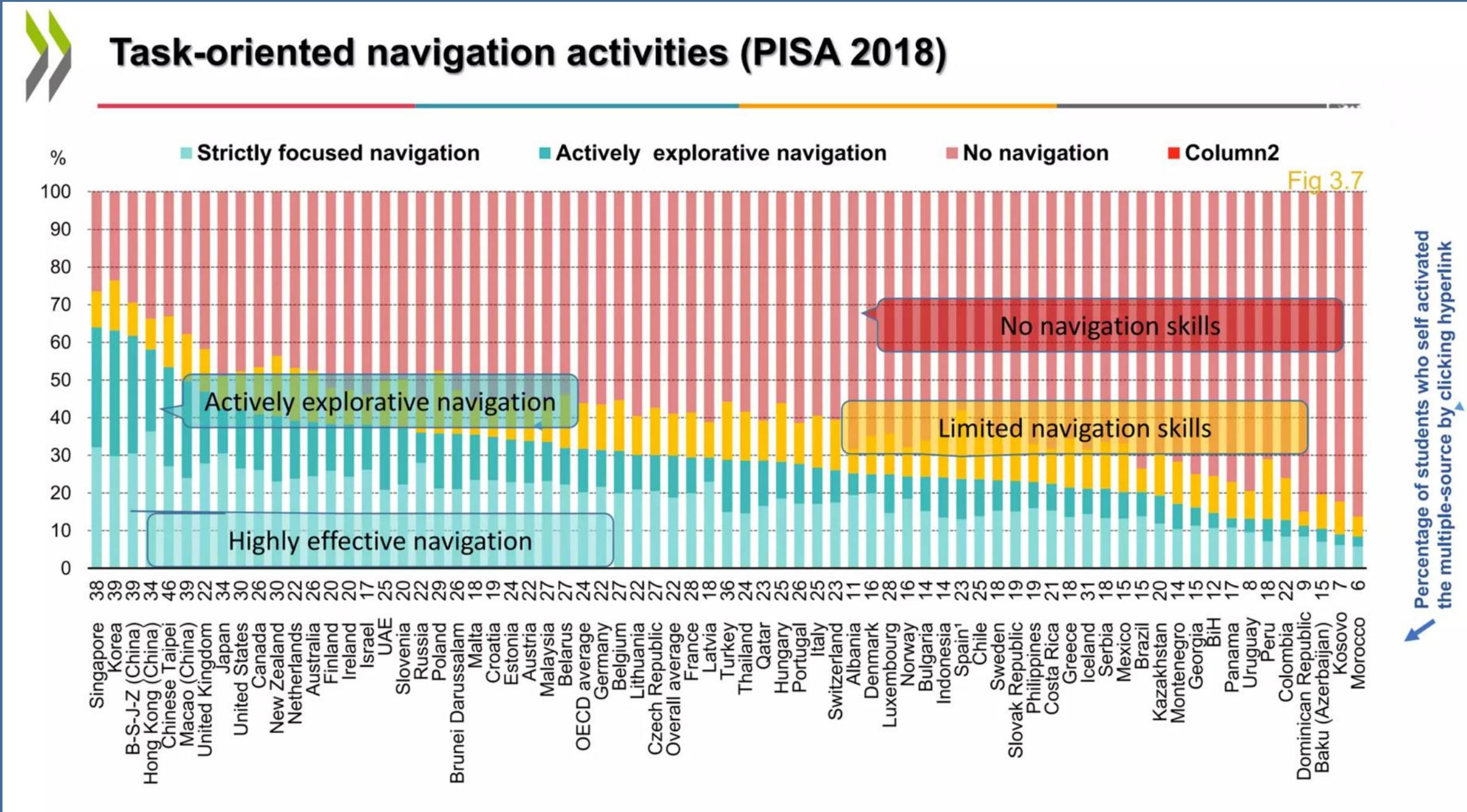


LIVING & WORKING

- Digital Information Blast
- 'Crowd Wisdom'



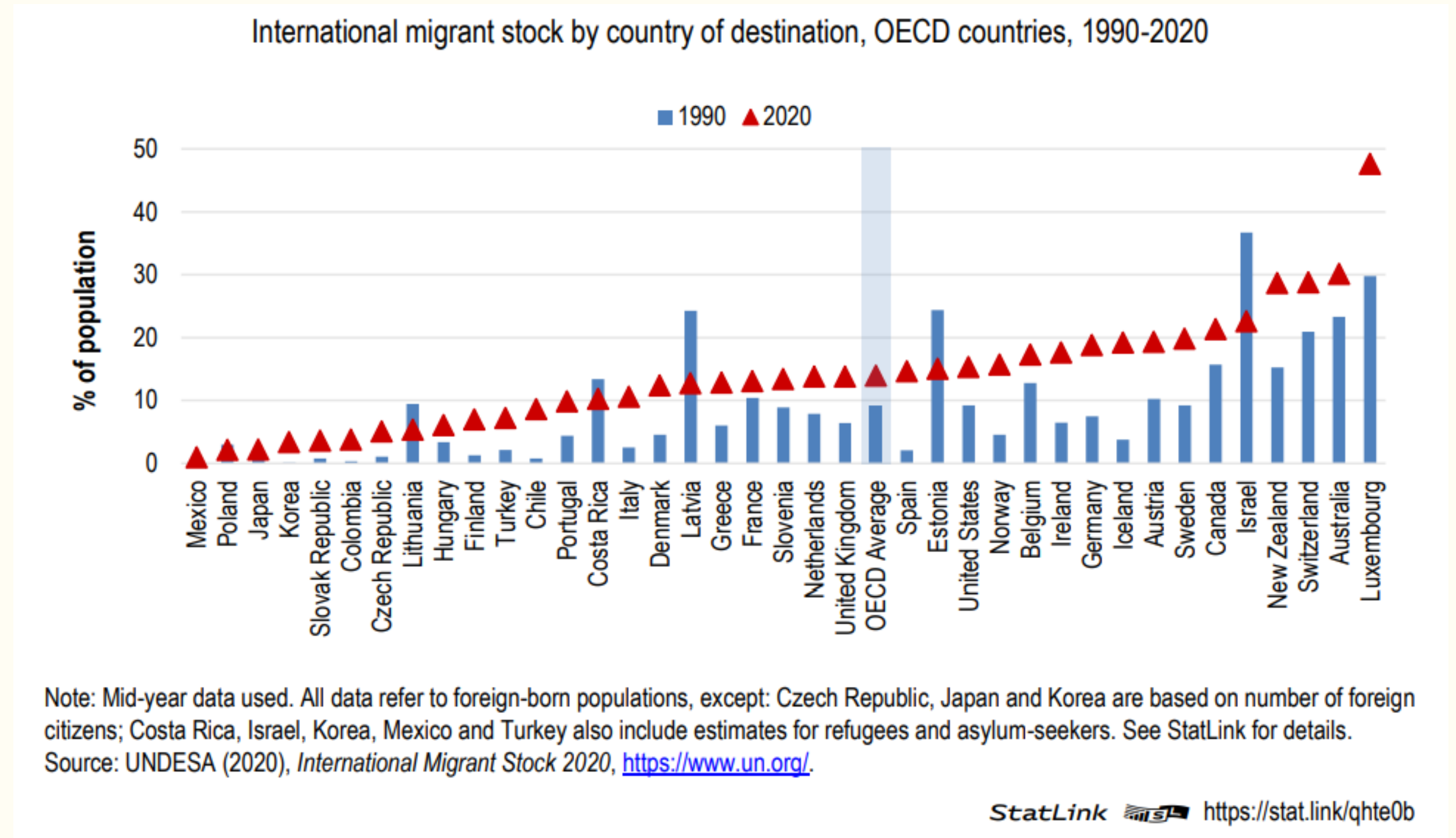
KNOWLEDGE & POWER



Actively Explorative Navigation?

KNOWLEDGE & POWER

- Global citizenship?
- Blurry definition of 'citizen'?



IDENTITY & BELONGING

- In Hong Kong...

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- Education Bureau figures provided to lawmakers also show 17,000 students withdrew from kindergarten and primary schools
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Why you can trust SCMP



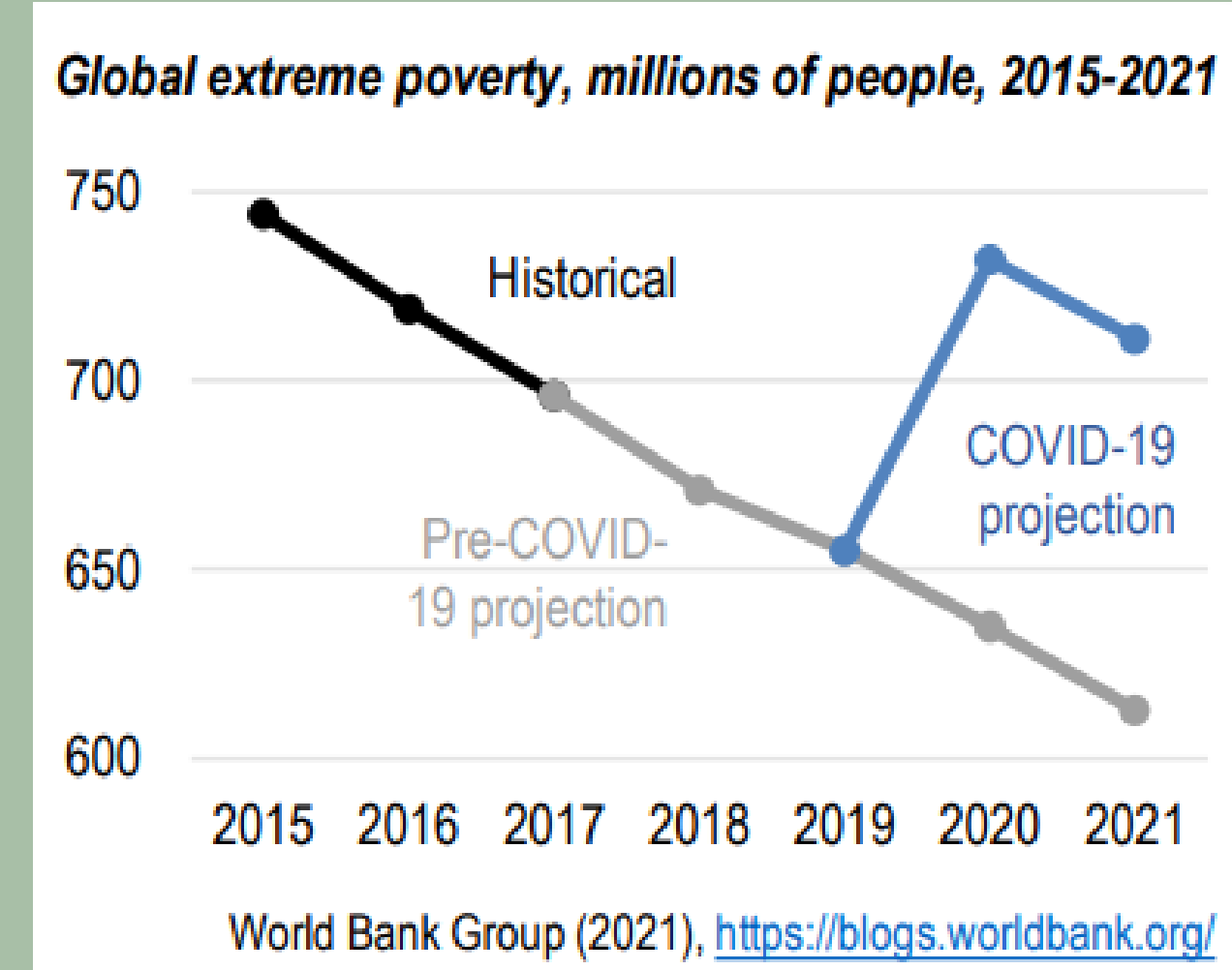
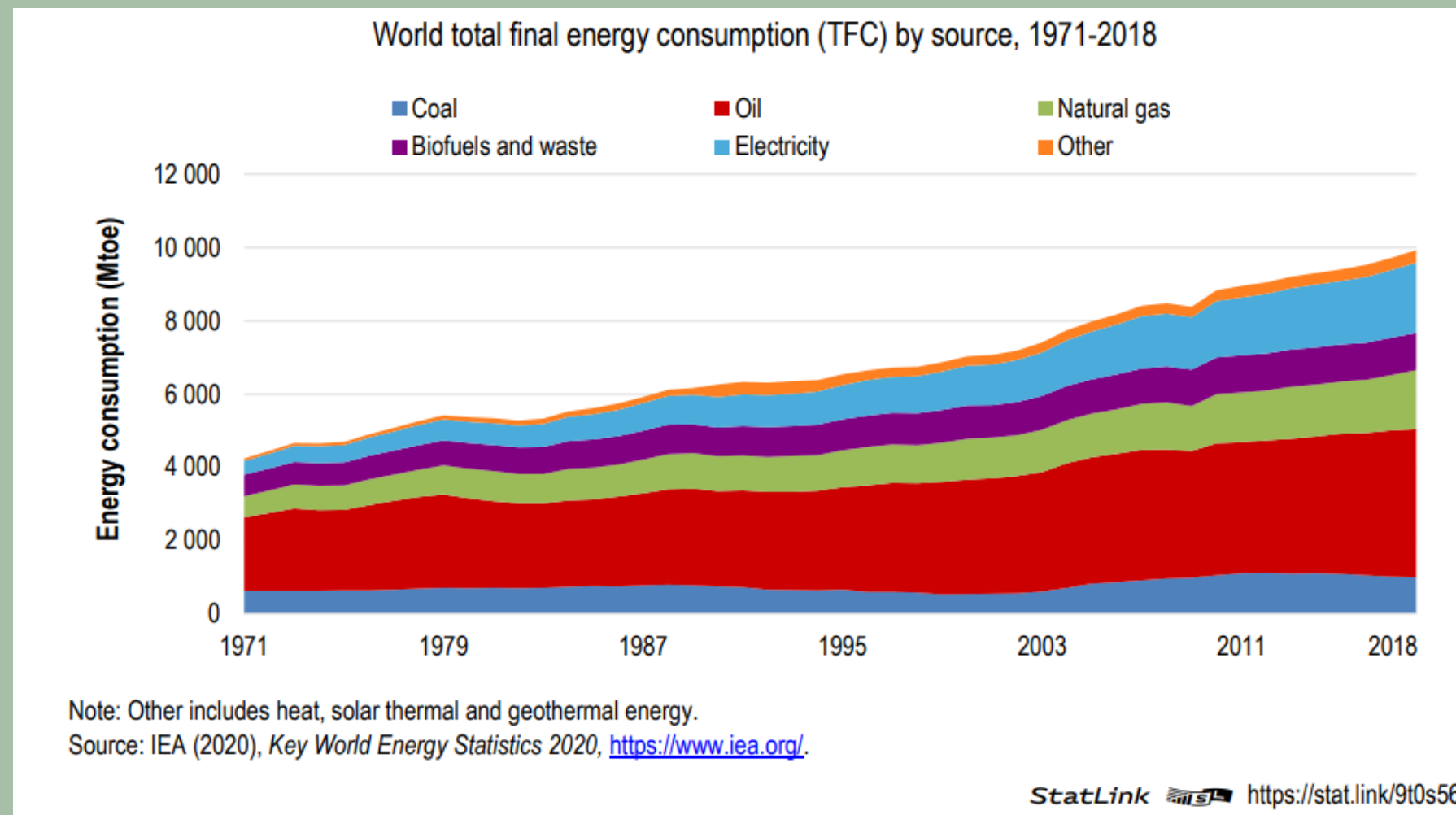
(SCMP, 2023)

IDENTITY & BELONGING

Knowing this, what questions should we ask ourselves as a teacher in order to help our students survive in the future?



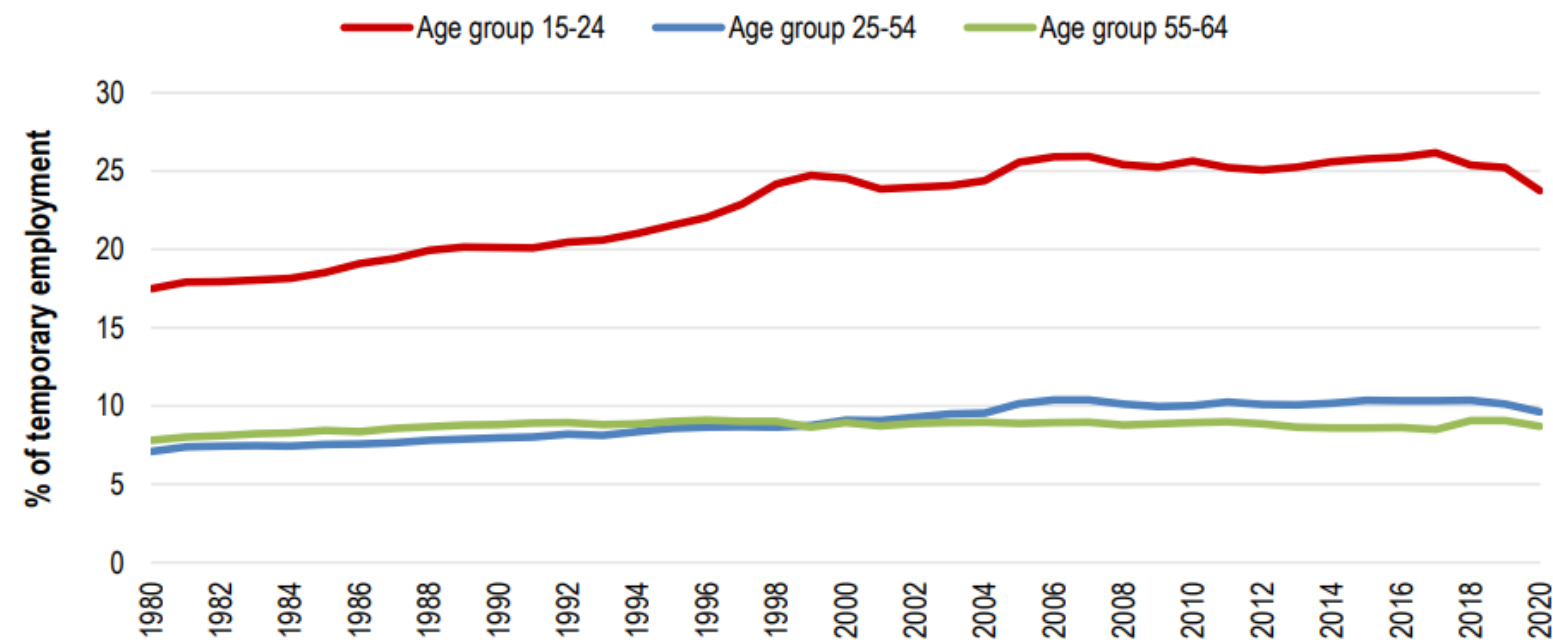
How do we equip our students to be resilient in face of inequality and climate change?



GROWTH


How do we prepare our students for a very different career than ours in the future?

Share of temporary employment by age group, OECD average, 1980-2020



Note: Temporary employment is part of dependent employment.

Source: OECD (2021), *OECD Labour Force Statistics* (database), <https://stats.oecd.org/>.


StatLink  <https://stat.link/aicedh>

Online Labour Index (OLI), May 2016-May 2021



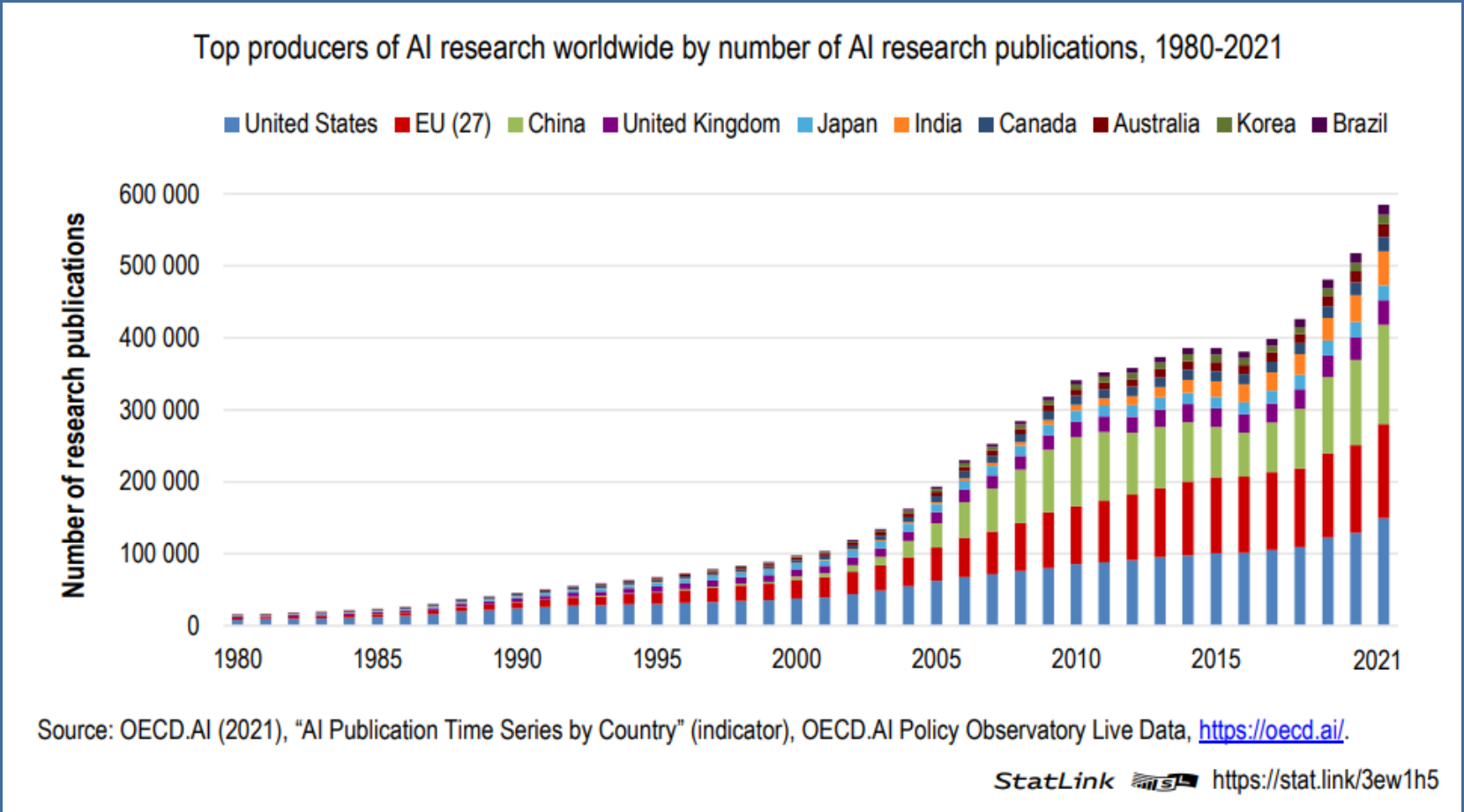
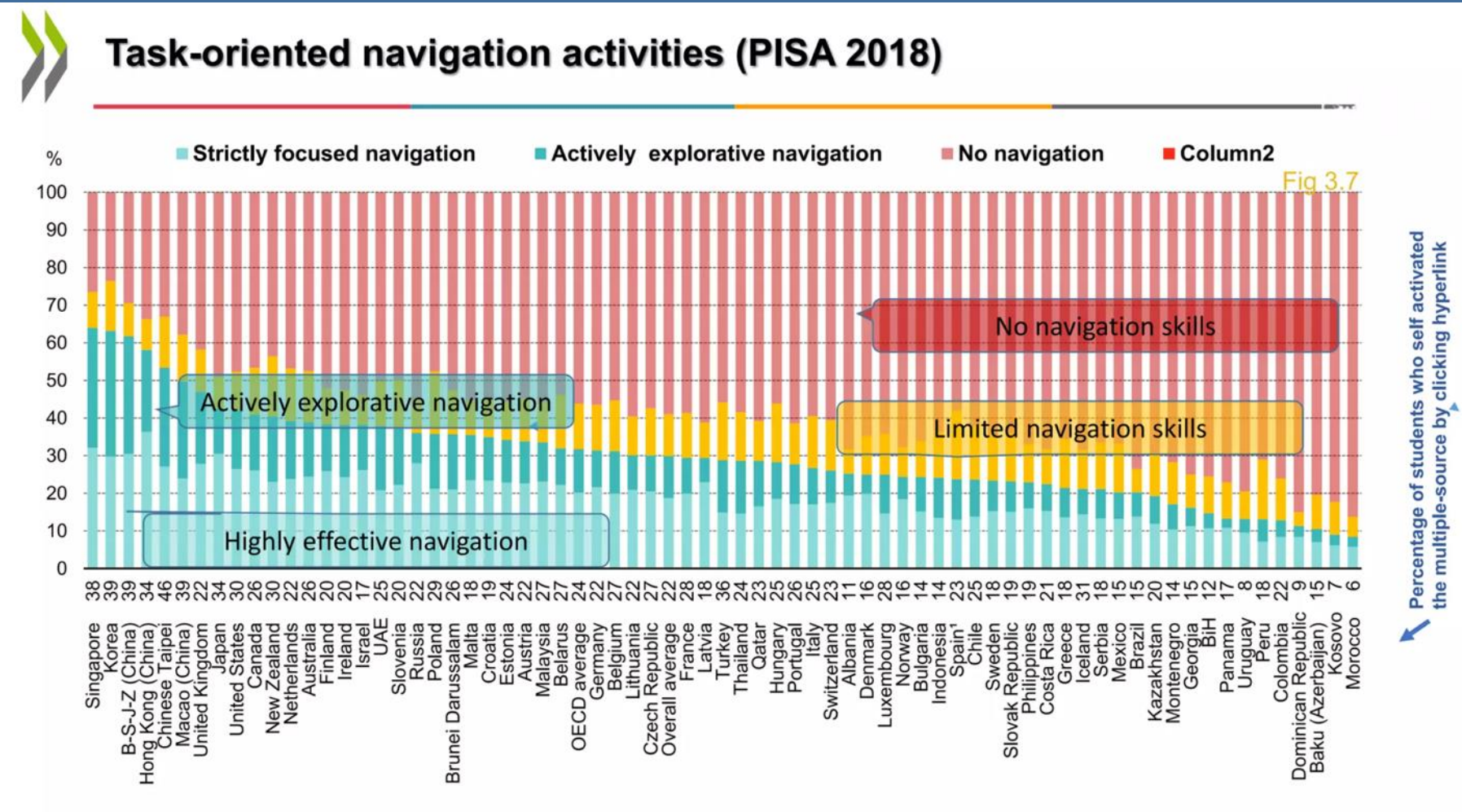
Note: The OLI tracks the number of projects and tasks across platforms, countries and occupations in real time. It does not estimate absolute numbers of gig workers, as it does not cover work obtained online and carried out locally, like delivery. See StatLink for full information.

Source: Kässä, O., C. Hadley and V. Lehtdonvirta (2019), *Online Labour Index: Measuring the Online Gig Economy for Policy and Research*, figshare Dataset. <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.3761562.v1842>.

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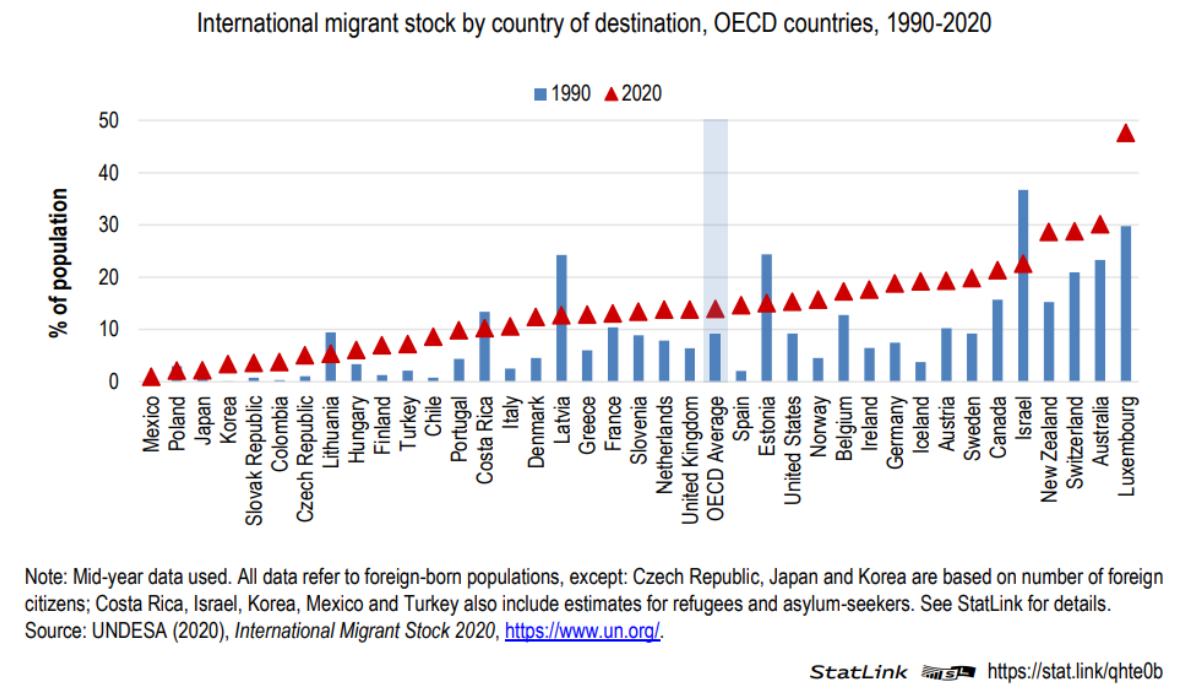
LIVING & WORKING

How do we prepare our students to develop a critical mind in face of the sea of information and a creative mind to wield the 21st century tools?



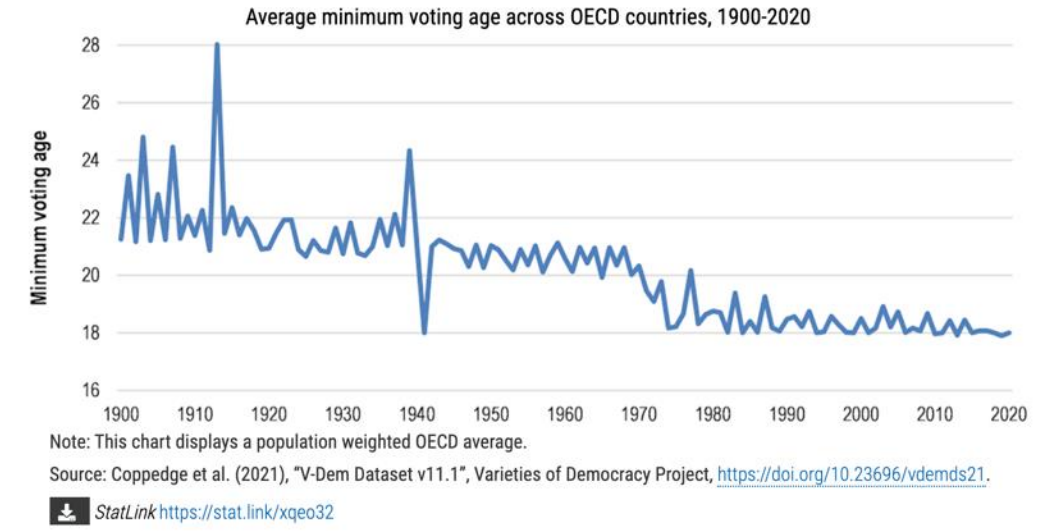
KNOWLEDGE & POWER

How do we prepare our students to live in an increasingly diverse and ‘virtual’ world?



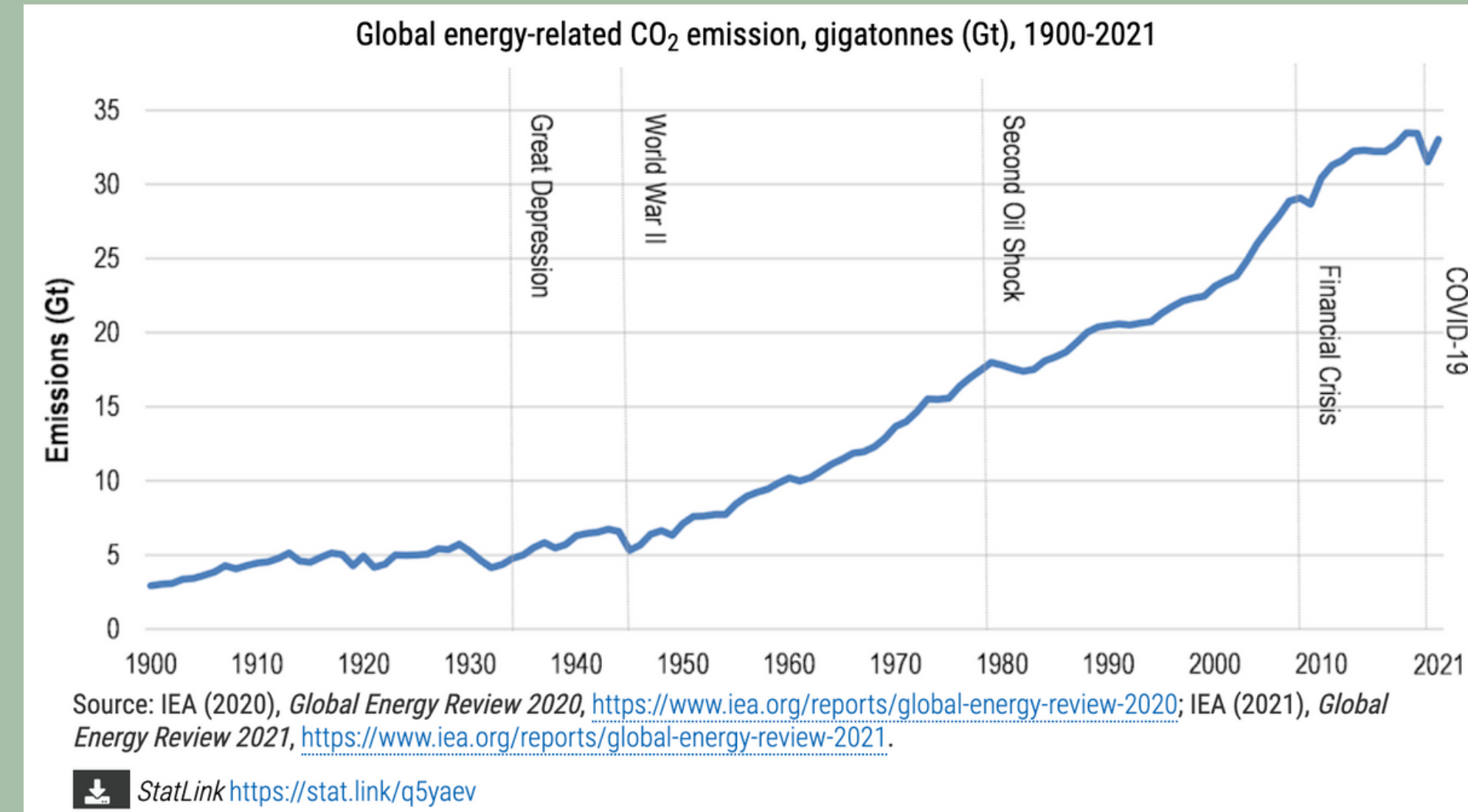
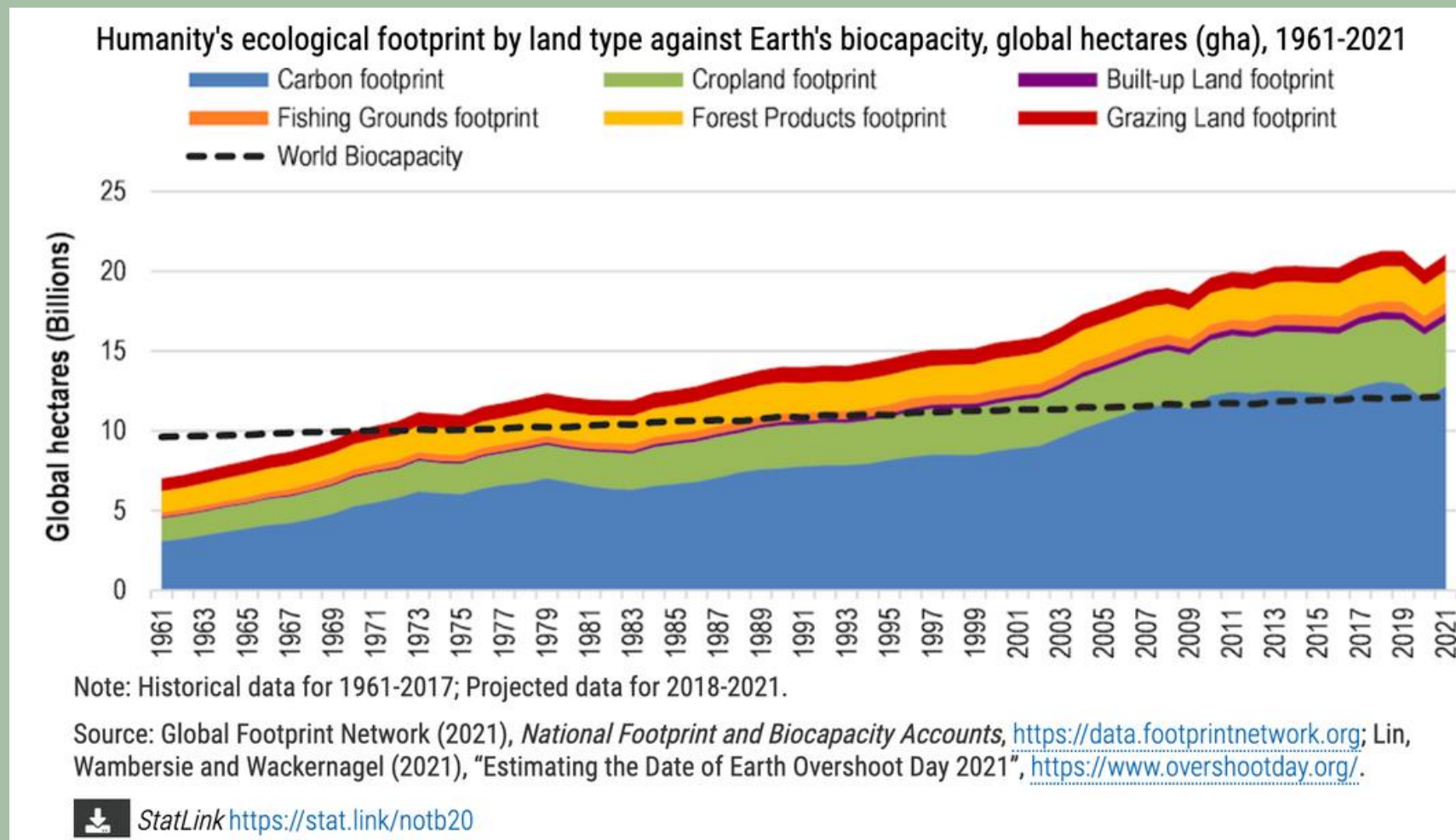
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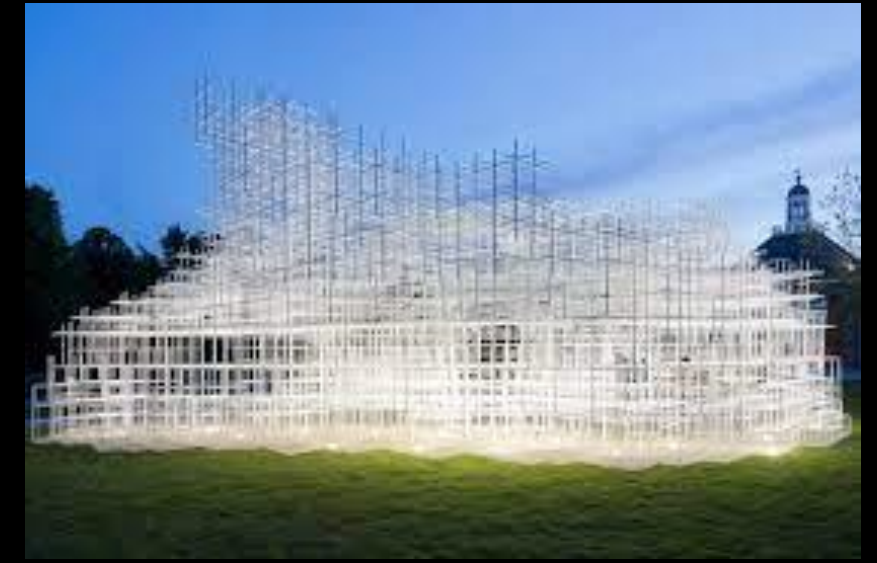
IDENTITY & BELONGING

Are students informed well enough about the challenges brought about by the environment in the future?



OUR CHANGING NATURE

Volatile



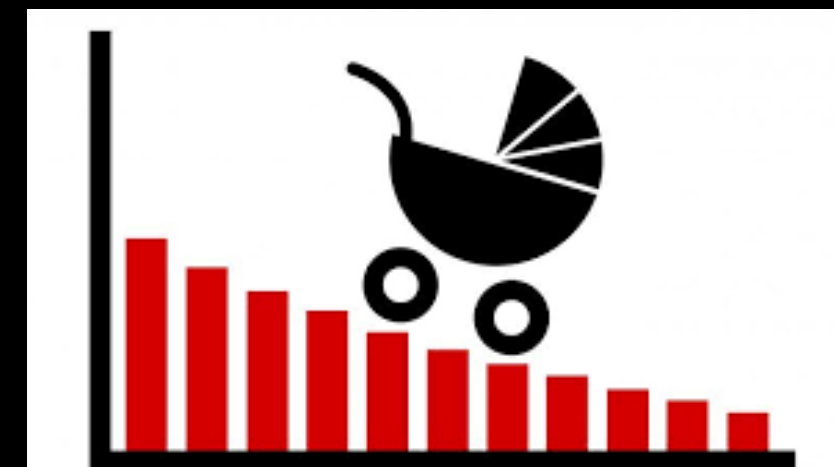
Uncertain



Complex



Ambiguous



What skills do students need to live in this VUCA world?



21st Century Skills

Critical thinking

Creativity

Collaboration

Communication

Information literacy

Media literacy

Technology literacy

Flexibility

Leadership

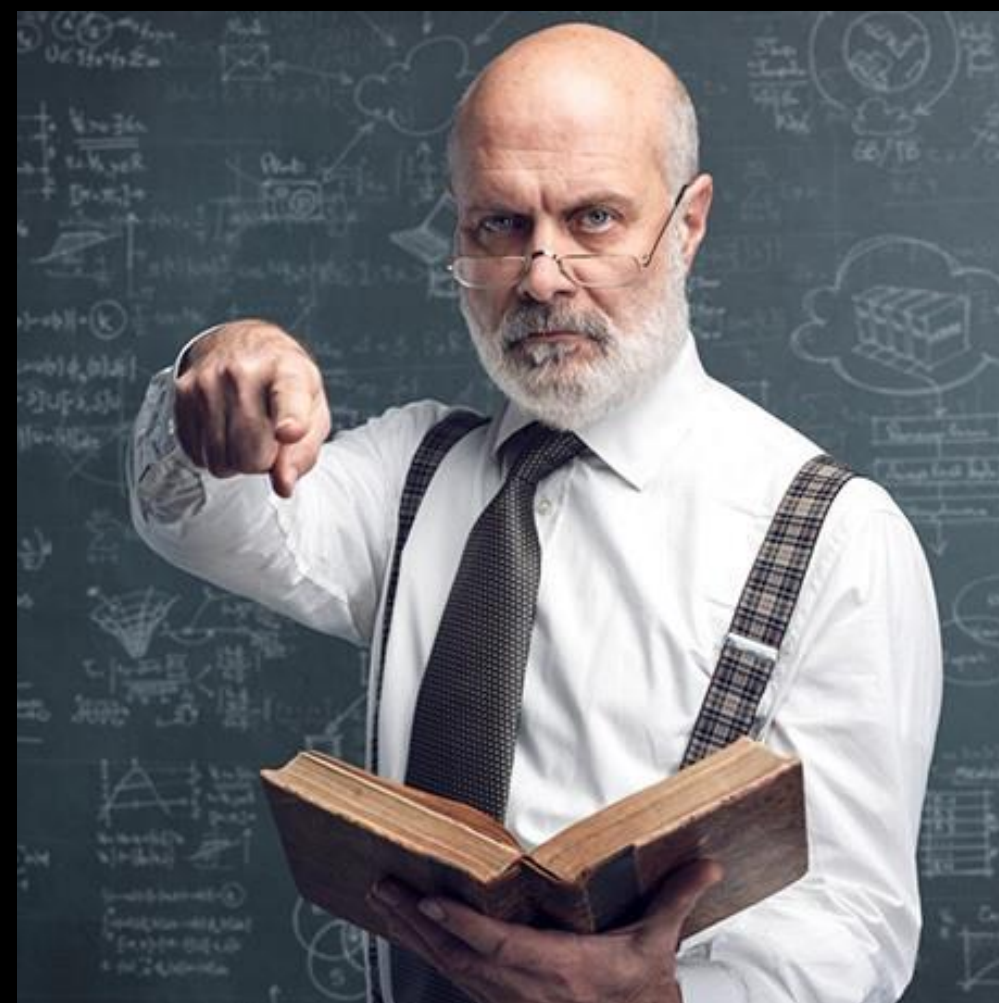
Initiative

Productivity

Social skills



19th Century



20th Century



21st Century

Teachers' workload

The Youth I.D.E.A.S. (established by HKFYG Youth Research Centre) has released its study on “Supporting Teachers in Facing Educational Challenges”.

For the surveyed 354 Hong Kong secondary school teachers, 35.3% worked over 60 hours a week, 14.5% of them even worked over 71 hours or above. Most respondents hoped to reduced administrative work (66.4%), while they wanted to spend more time on engaging with students (61.3%) and lesson preparation work (57.1%). Teacher Interview Cases revealed that workload increased during the pandemic as teachers need to re-design lesson contents for e-learning , learning gap among students were widen at the same time.

(HKFYG, 2021)

CHALLENGES

Teachers' & Students' Workload

Half of Hong Kong students and teachers show signs of depression due to stress of school workload

Two separate studies indicate both adults and young people showed symptoms, such as hopelessness and sleep disorder

South China Morning Post | Published: 12:40pm, 3 Sep, 2018 ▼

(SCMP, 2018)

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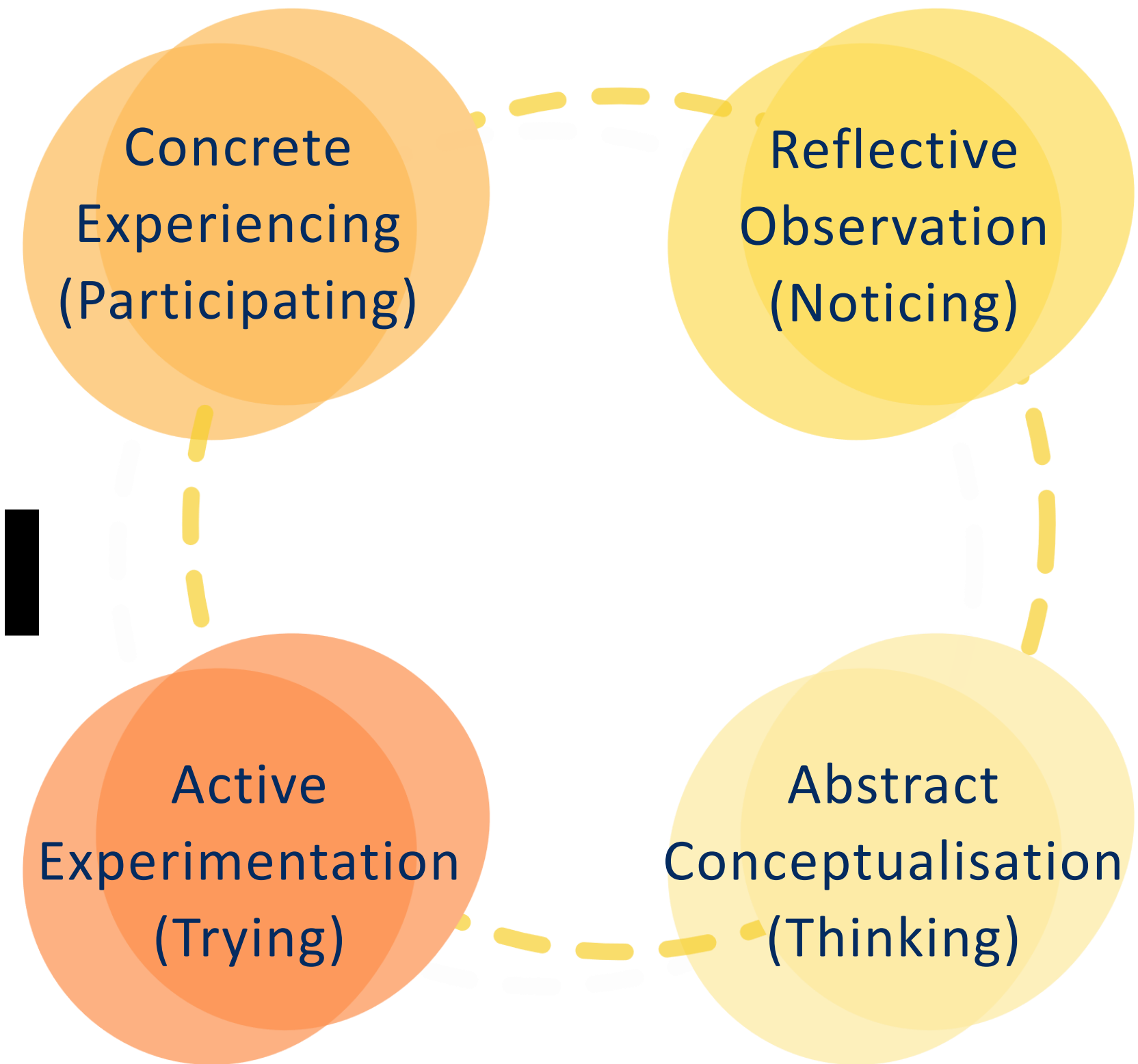
Challenging \neq Impossible

You will be surprised...



Experiential Learning

What is Experiential Learning?



Reflection-based

Student-centered

Leadership

Community-based Learning (CBL)

Collaboration

Experiential Learning

Project-based Learning (PBL)

Flexibility

Connection to the 'real-world'

Initiative

PGDE Experiential Learning Block

Period:

Semester 1

25th September – 31st October
(5.5 weeks, 5 days a week)

Required for PGDE full-time non-language major students

- Enroll in an EL project offered by the Faculty of Education, working with community partners or
- Nominate your own project with your connection with a community partner



No. of projects offered this year: 21

PGDE Experiential Learning Block



World Vision



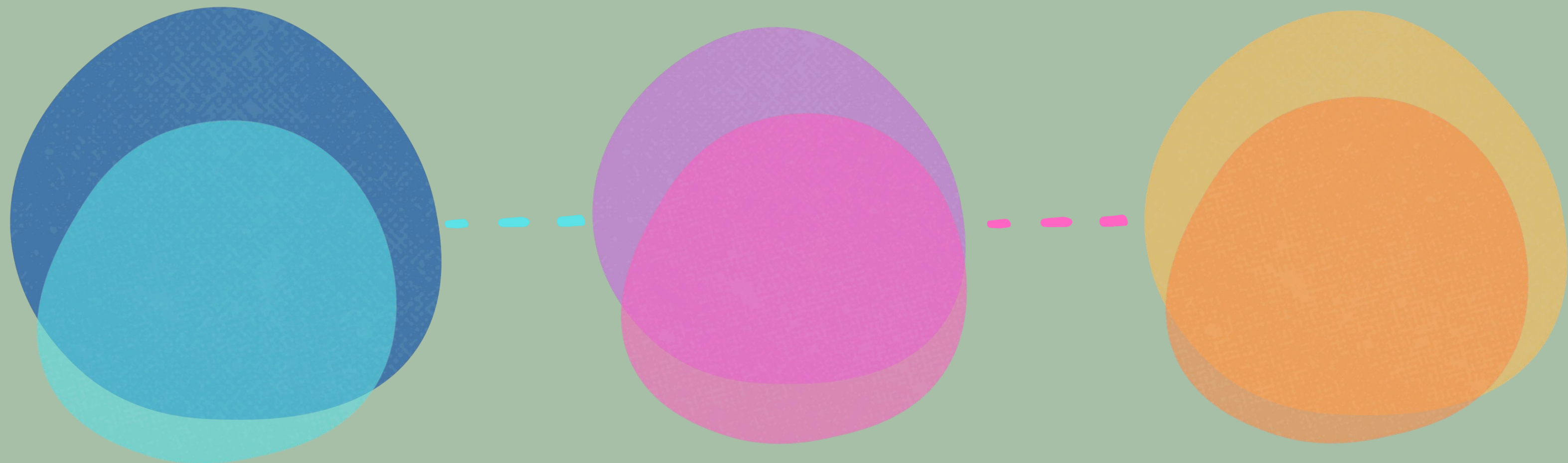
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PGDE Experiential Learning Block

You will be working...

- IN the community
- WITH the community &
- FOR the community

> Community-based Learning!



Select 3 EL projects

Starting from
25th Aug 6:00pm

Submit your online application

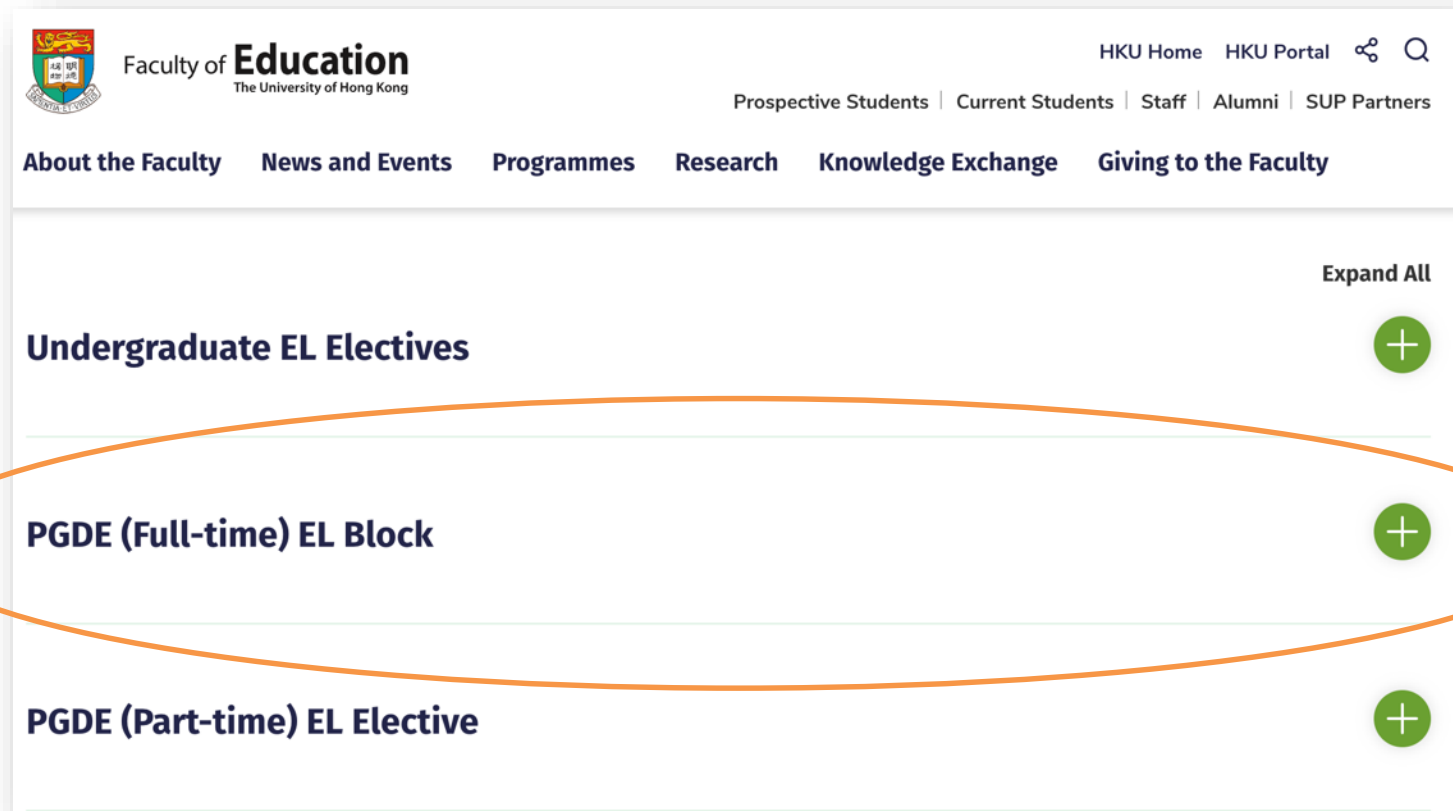
(Deadline: 28th Aug, 23:59)

Attend interviews

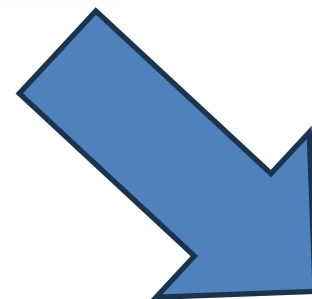
Aug 31st – Sep 14

Project Timeline

1. Select your top 3 EL projects



Visit:
<https://web.edu.hku.hk/programmes/exp-eriential-learning>



EL Block Projects 2023-24

Chinese Function: mLang – e-Pedagogy and Learning Platform Support Junior Primary School NCS Students to Learn Chinese Language as a Second Language

Community Partner: mLang

[Project Information](#)

Ednovators – Building Teacher Innovation Capacity (NEW)

Community Partner: Ednovators

[Project Information](#)

Experiential Learning at DISI

Community Partner: Jockey Club Design Institute for Social Innovation

[Project Information](#)

Experiential Learning at HKHS

Experiential Learning at ICE

Experiential Learning at JAHK

[Top](#)

2. Read the project requirements!

Application Deadline and Procedure

11:59pm, 28 August 2023

- Complete the application form at HKU Moodle (Part 1) **AND**
- Upload the following documents to the respective project folder at HKU Moodle (Part 2) (Please combine all documents into one Word/PDF file)
 1. A personal statement (of not more than 300 words) explaining why you would like to join this EL project
 2. Your CV
- Shortlisted students may be invited to attend an interview arranged by Ednovators (details to be confirmed).

Project Keywords

Design Thinking, Innovation, Community Collaboration, Facilitation & Coaching, Leadership & Growth, Global Trend Analysis

3. Submit your Online Application

Part I – Project Application Form
Select 3 projects and provide
your personal particulars


Part II – Submission of Application Documents

Refer to the project info and
prepare the required documents
Generic – CV, personal statement
Specific – Project brief, portfolio,
questions, etc.

Combine all documents into one
WORD or PDF file

Submit the combine file for ALL of
your choices (i.e. x 3)

▼ 1. EL Project Application Form

 EL Project Application Form (PGDE Full-time)

▼ 2. Submission of Application Document(s)

Please submit application materials for all of your preferred EL projects by:


1. combining all of the necessary documents into **ONE single WORD or PDF FILE**; and
2. naming the file after your full name, followed by your university number (e.g. CHAN-Tai-Man-12345678).


All sensitive information such as your HKID, phone number and address **SHOULD NOT** be included in your application materials, and the information provided will only be used for EL project application purposes.

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 Experiential Learning at Principal Chan Free Tutorial World

 Experiential Learning at UNICEF HK

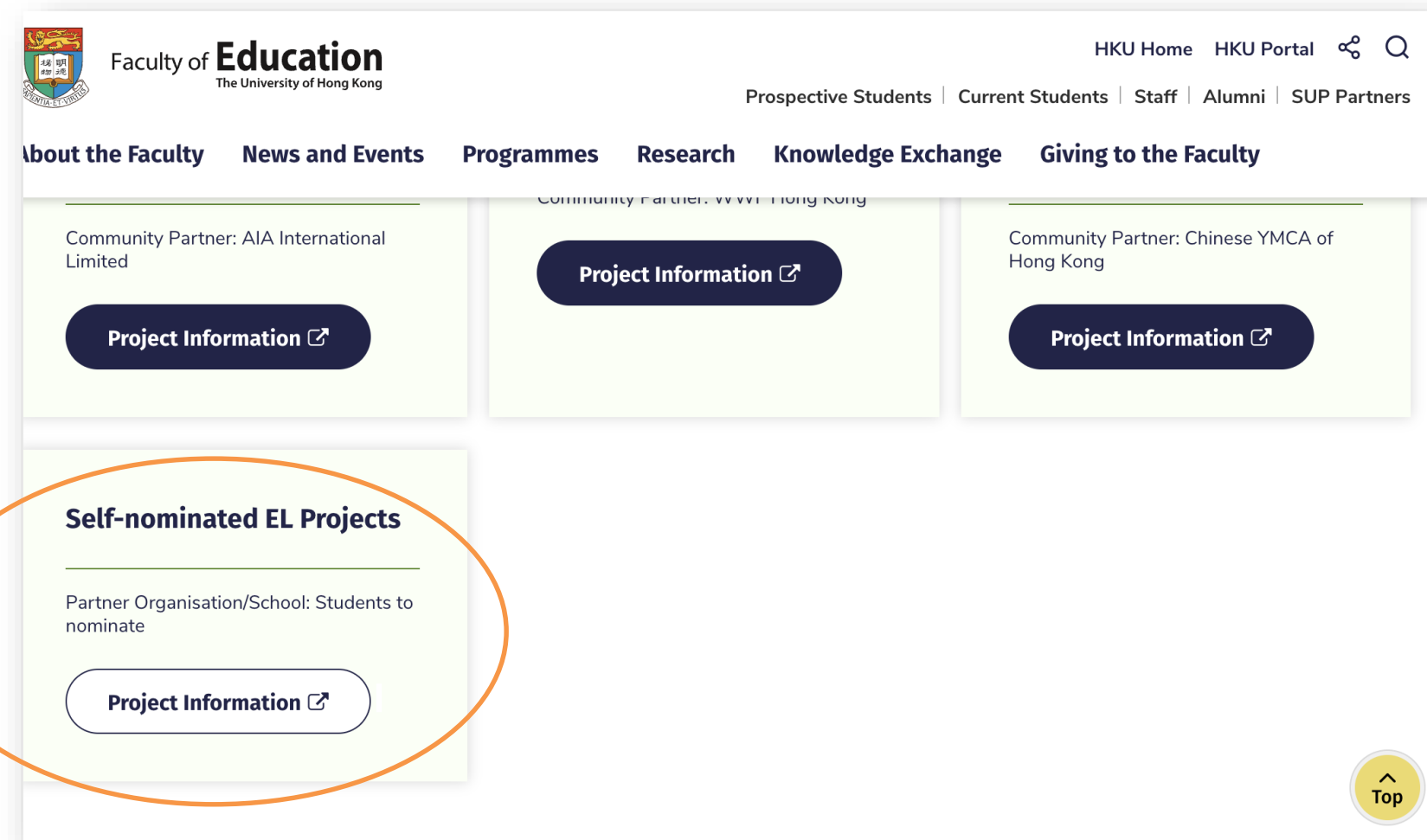
Option: Nominate your own project

Collaborative: Maximum a group of 3

Initiation: Work on what connects to you most

Project-based Learning: Identify a community problem!

Community-based Learning: Work with a community partner!



EL Possibilities for Self-nominated Projects

PGDE students (both full-time and part-time) can nominate their own EL projects using the proposal template available below. Self-nomination can be made individually or in group (max. three students). Students are always welcome to discuss their project idea with the EL team. In addition, PGDE full-time students must consult their Methods Coordinator on the proposed project before submitting the nomination form to eledu@hku.hk. (This part is optional for PGDE part-time students.) The decision of the EL office over whether the proposed project is feasible or not is FINAL.

Self-nominated projects should NOT be something that are part of students' regular schedule (like an annual school picnic, or an assembly, etc.) and it should NOT be only about teaching or classroom work (such as teaching a new class, or working with a new textbook, etc.) We are expecting PGDE part-time students to explore other learning spaces that are outside the normal school context. We hope that the proposed projects allow for professional and personal growth and that students learn something new from the process, and just as importantly, in the process give something to the community or a particular group in the community. **Therefore, the EL project should produce a sense of service or community engagement.**

EL Project Self-nomination Form for PGDE

Link to proposal form: https://web.edu.hku.hk/f/page/51521/58612/EL%20Project%20Self-nomination%20Form%20for%20PGDE_20230705.docx

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Remember this?



You can also initiate your own project with our CPs!



What is Economics ?

And our everyday life

--- Sunny ---

- 氣候變化遊戲工作坊提案
Franklin, Matthew
- 目的:
- 使參與者能夠代入不同持分者，並感受各自對承擔氣候變化責任的立場及顧慮
 - 令參與者切身體會自己所作決定如何影響未來的世界
 - 了解到平衡經濟發展和環境保育的挑戰及重要性
 - 著重給予參與者自身思考的空間，較適合不願發言的參與者
 - 嘗試以數學及經濟角度設計氣候變化議題的遊戲，並解釋氣候變化的議題
- 結構:



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作為引入，佔時約20分鐘

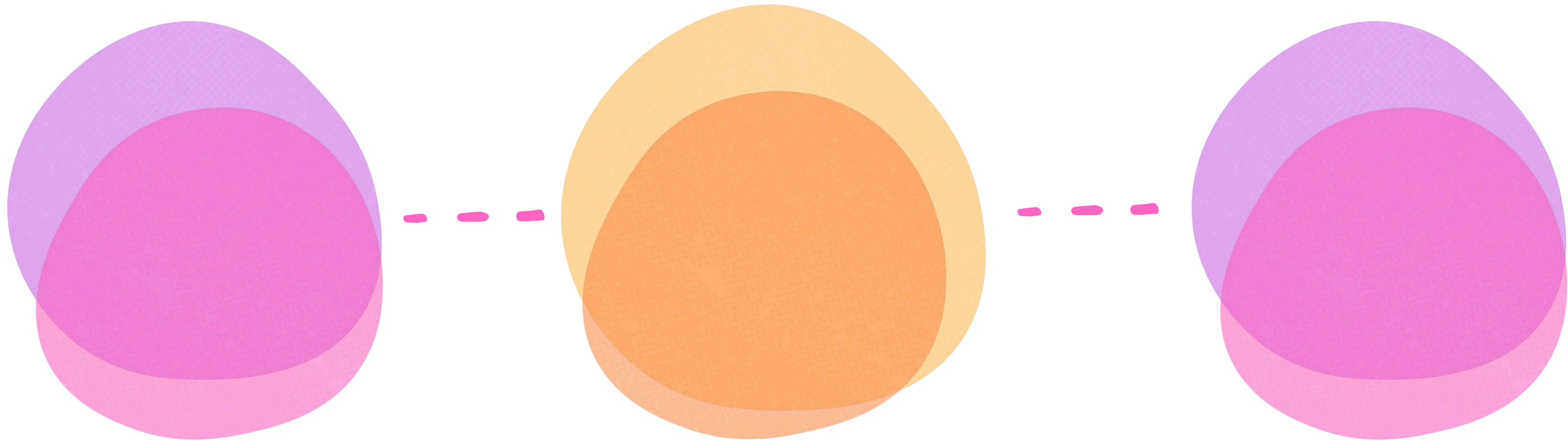
佈小遊戲結果，並簡單訪問扮演各持分者的參與者在遊
富裕國會頻頻發展大型經濟項目，農業國有否在經濟實
7分鐘

變化的關聯，並輔以數學及經濟角度講解氣候變化的

You decide how much you learn!

Input Sessions

To better prepare you for the experience and reflect on it ...



On reflection

18th Sep, 2:30pm

MW411-412, Meng Wah Complex

On work etiquette

20th Sep, 2:30pm

MB237, Main Building

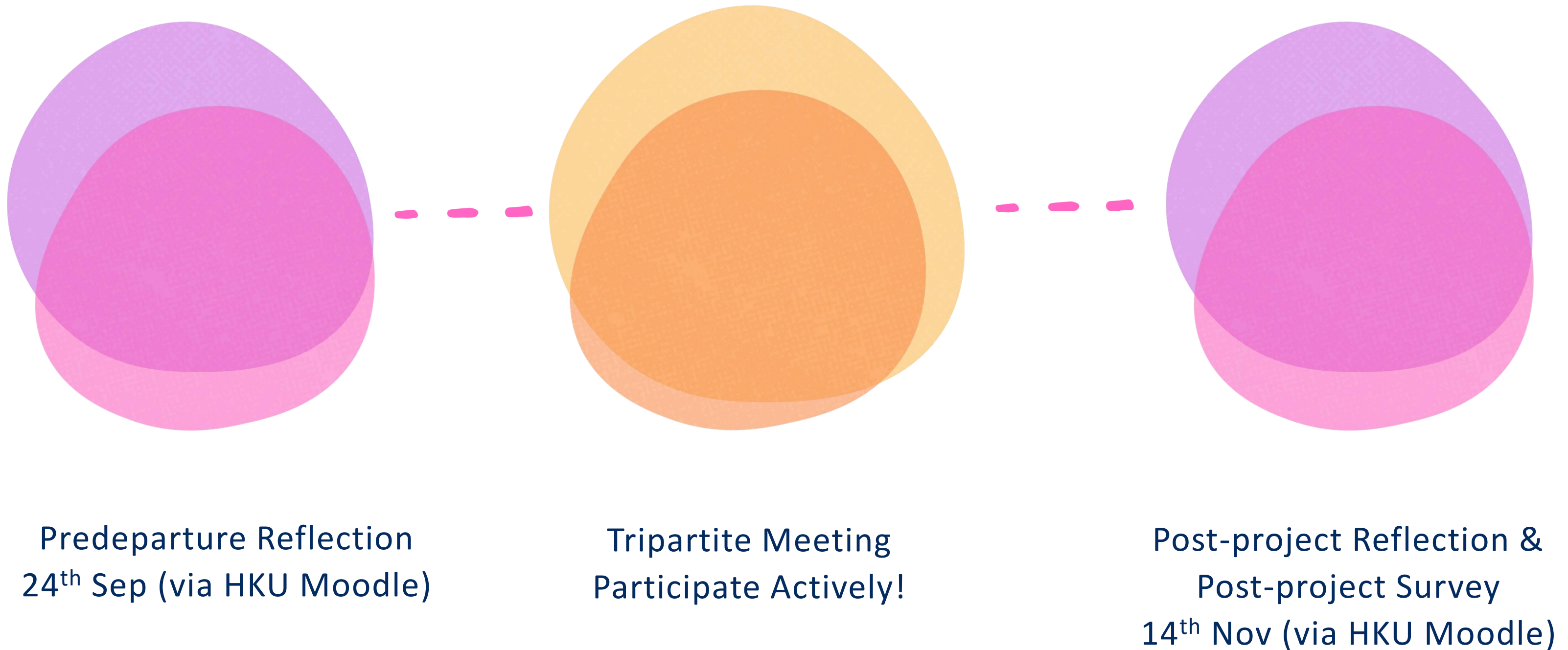
Share your findings!

6th Nov, 2:30pm

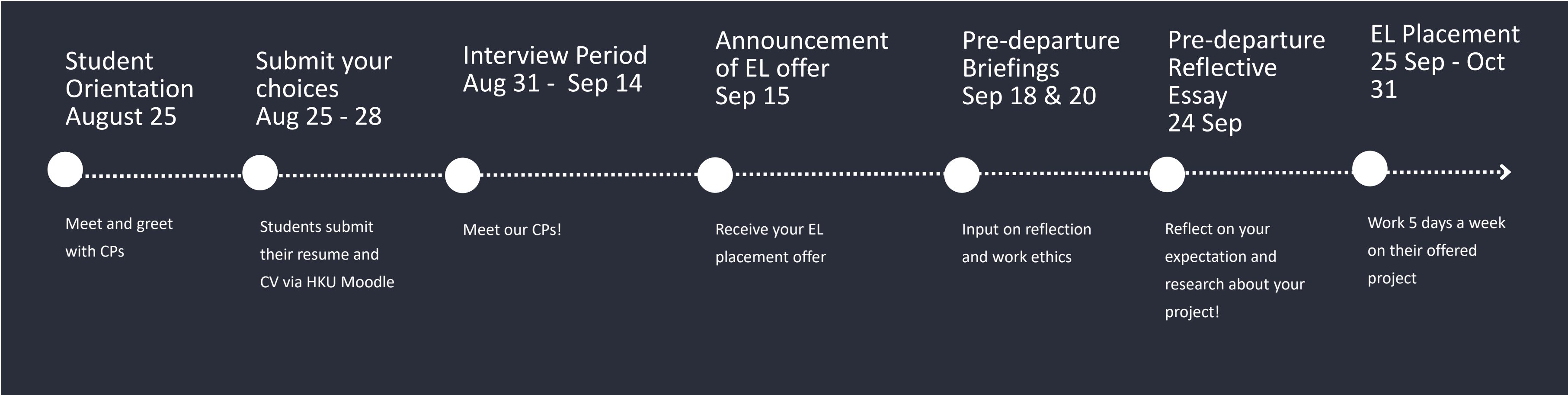
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Assignments

Reflection is a fundamental process in EL!



Detailed Project Timeline



Other House Keeping Items:

EL Block: 25th September – 31st October 2023 (5.5 weeks)

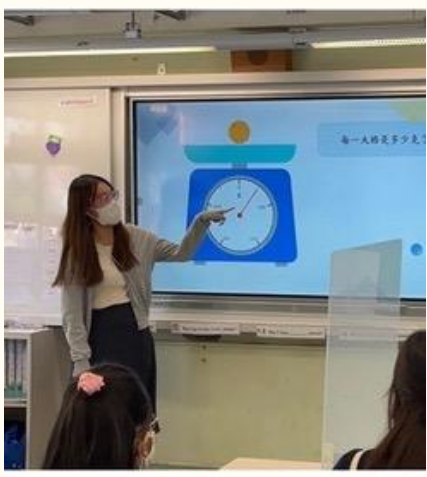
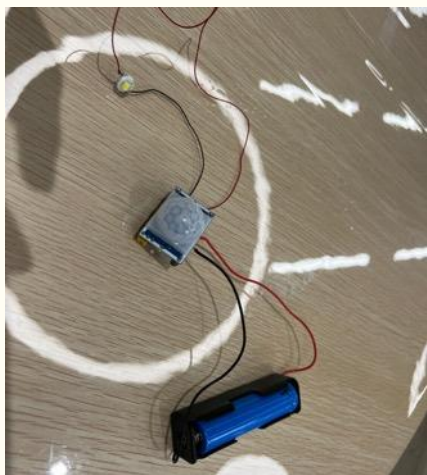
- Work 5 full days/week for all projects are set to be education-oriented
- Be professional. Fail – poor or unprofessional behaviour
- To ensure your full commitment to the project:
 - **X** No coursework during this period
 - **X** No other jobs (FT or PT), classes or school visits during the EL Block

- **Leave:**

Personal Leave: **X** No personal leave will be granted

Sick Leave: Medical certificate required for leaving more than 0.5 day

> Inform **BOTH** your supervisors **AND** the EL Team via email
(eledu@hku.hk)



You decide how much you learn!

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

Q&A

If you have no questions, let's meet our partners outside of this classroom!

