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Learning for Art and
Design IADT: Digital & Online
Learning

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# Agenda

Introductions

Thinking big

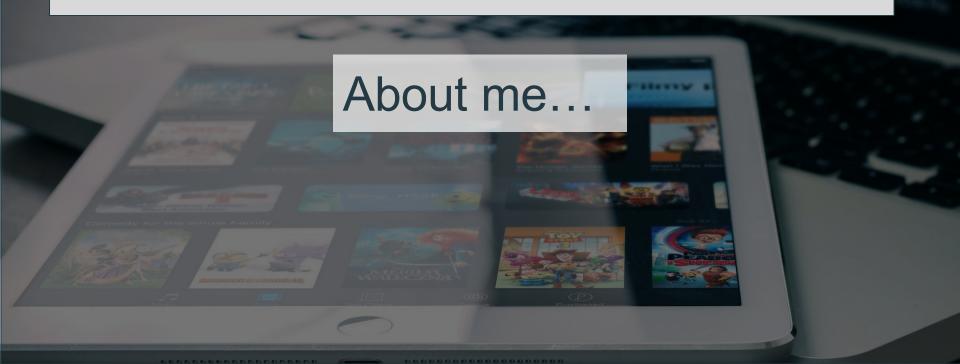
Helpful models and theories

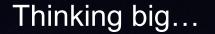
Getting practical

My recent experiences









## Learning Ecologies:

How we learn, and what contexts and elements we use for learning... in the digital age

(González-Sanmamed et al., 2019)

### Thinking big...

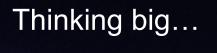
# Learning Ecologies:

Provide a way to 'articulate the interdependencies between an individual and their environment'

(Barron, 2006)

To understand the multiple contexts that people experience in which the learn and grow

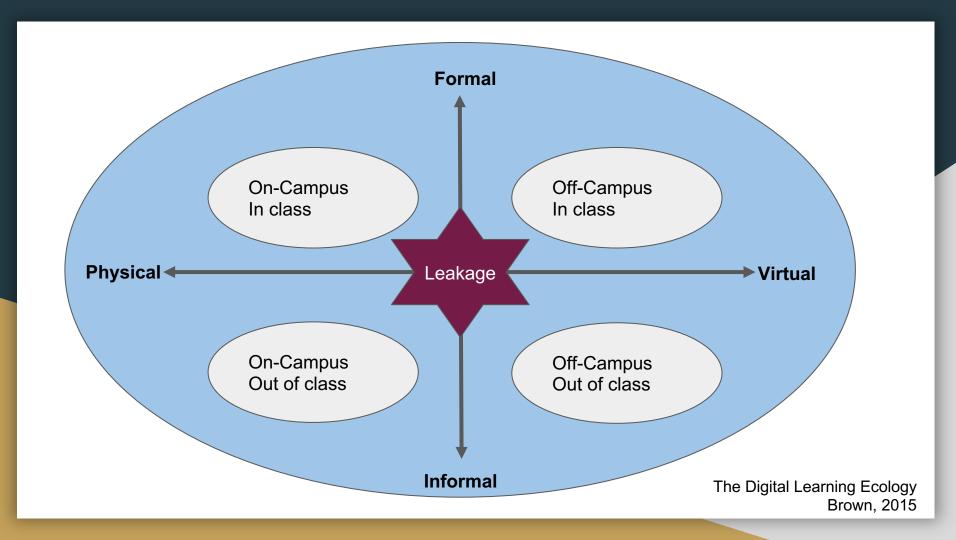
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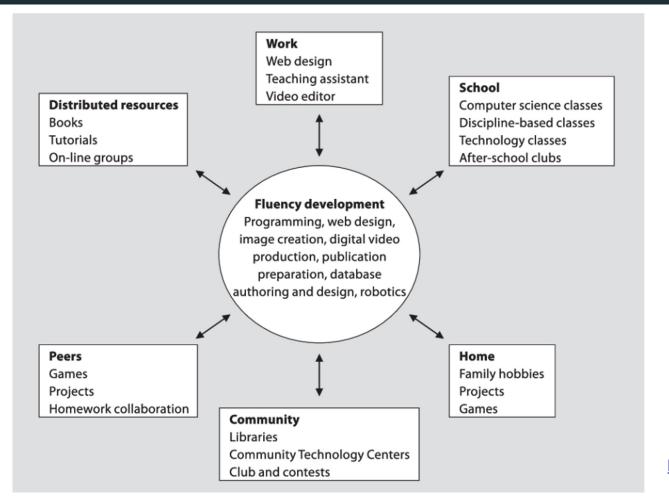


## Learning Ecologies:

The sum of contexts where a learner directs their activity, cultivates relationships, uses, produces, and shares resources

(Catasús, 2019)





Learning Ecology Barron, 2006

#### 4 RESOURCES

knowledge, people, tools, technologies & other artefacts (anything that can be used)

#### 5 SPACES

physical, social, virtual, intellectual, psychological, liminal

Spaces for: conversation & discussion, for exploring, inquiring & investigating, for imagining & reflecting, for making, for play, for thinking critically, analyzing & evaluating for synthesis and integrative thinking and much more

PAST

6 RELATIONSHIPS

with people, communities, places, ideas, objects, work, hobbies, problems, anything!

7 PROCESSES activities & experiences

WHOLE PERSON

sensing, perceiving imagining, relating to, interacting with & making sense of my

ENVIRONMENT

1 PURPOSE(S)

& motivations to achieve proximal goals informed by distal goals 3 AFFORDANCES

possibilities that can be perceived or imagined for thinking and action

FUTURE? ->

2 CONTEXTS

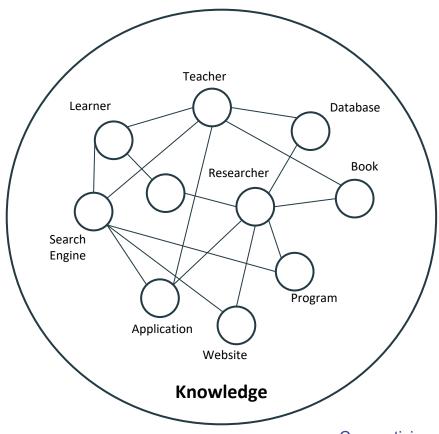
situations, circumstances, culture, ourselves familiar or unfamiliar,

simple-complicated-complex or chaotic

Learning Ecology Jackson, 2016

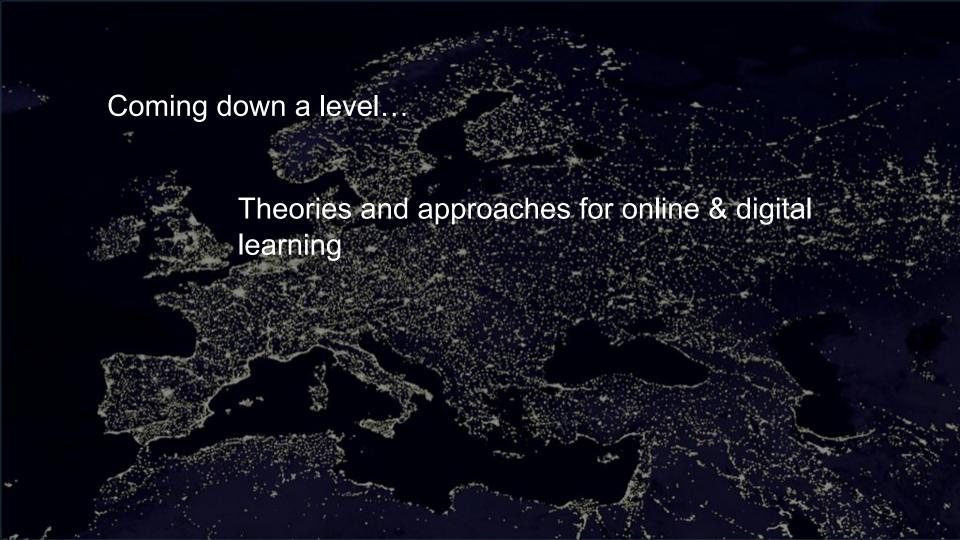
#### Connectivism

- Acknowledges a change in the way information flows, grows and changes due to internet
- Learning is focused on connecting information sets and connections that enable us to learn more
- Based on 8 principles:
  - Learning and knowledge rests in diversity of opinions
  - Learning is a process of connecting specialized nodes or information sources
  - Learning may reside in non-human appliances
  - Capacity to know more is more critical than what is currently known
  - Nurturing and maintaining connections is needed to facilitate continual learning
  - O Ability to see connections between fields, ideas, and concepts is a core skill.
  - Currency (accurate, up-to-date knowledge) is the intent of all connectivist learning activities
  - O Decision making is itself a learning process. Choosing what to learn and the meaning of incoming information



Connectivism Siemens, 2005



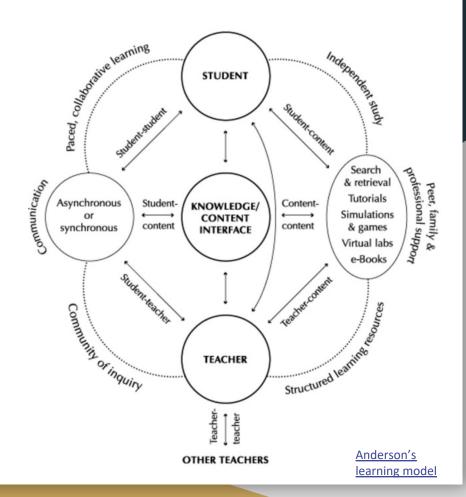


#### **Online Learning Model**

- Views learning through 4 overlapping lenses:
  - Community centeredness
  - Knowledge centeredness
  - Learner centeredness
  - Assessment centeredness

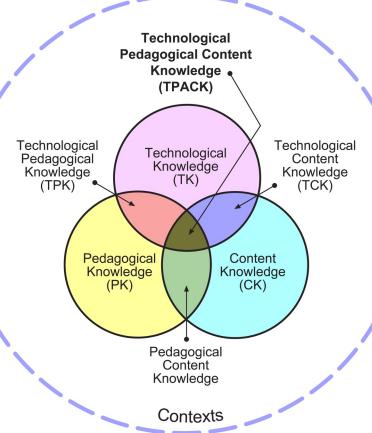
The model identifies the two main players: **students** and **teachers** and their **interactions** with **each other** and **content** 

- Students can interact with content directly, as they locate it on the web
- Students and teachers can form a community of inquiry using structured synchronous and asynchronous tools.
  - Learning is collaborative & social but also binds learners/teachers in time together
- Teachers can present content in a self-paced manner, students carry out independent study
  - Learning is more isolated but learners/teachers are not bound together in time



## **TPACK Framework**

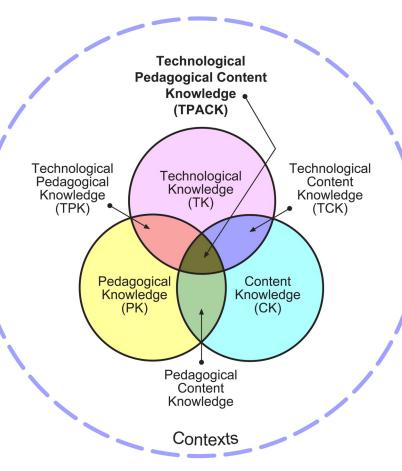
**Technological Content Knowledge (TCK)** – describes teachers' understanding of how **technology** and **content** can both influence and push against each other. TCK involves understanding how the subject matter can be communicated via different edtech offerings, and considering which specific edtech tools might be best suited for specific subject matters or classrooms.



Mishra & Koehler, 2006

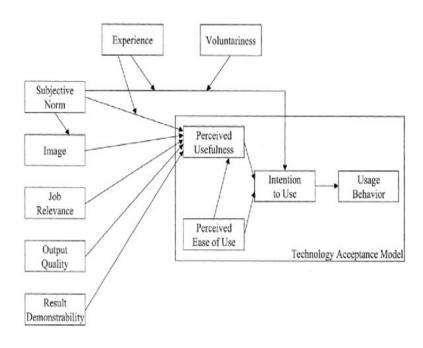
# **TPACK Framework**

Technological Pedagogical Knowledge (TPK) – describes teachers' understanding of how particular technologies can change both the teaching and learning experiences by introducing new pedagogical affordances and constraints. Another aspect of TPK concerns understanding how such tools can be deployed alongside pedagogy in ways that are appropriate to the discipline and the development of the lesson at hand.



# Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)

Process	Variable	Definition of variable			
Social influence	Subjective norm	"A person's perception that most people who are important to him/her think he/she should or should not perform the behavior in questions" (Fishbein & Ajzen, 1975, p. 302).			
	Voluntariness	"Extent to which potential adopters perceive the adoption decision to be non-mandatory" (Venkatesh & Davis, 2000, p. 188).			
Image		"The degree to which use of an innovation perceived to enhance one's status in one's social system" (Moore & Benbasat, 1991, p. 195).			
	Experience	"The direct effect of subjective norm on intentions may subside over time with increased system experience" (Venkatesh & Davis, 2000, p. 189)			
Cognitive instrumental	Job relevance	"An individual's perception regarding the degree to which the target system is applicable to the individual's job. Job relevance is a function of the important within one's job of the set of tasks the system is capable of supporting" (Venkatesh & Davis, 2000, p. 191).			
	Output quality	"In perceptions of output quality, users will take into consideration how well the system performs the tasks that match their job relevance" (Davis, Bagozzi, & Warshaw, 1992, p. 985).			
	Result demonstrability	"Tangibility of the results of using the innovation will directly influence perceived usefulness" (Moore & Benbasat, 1991, p. 203).			



Venkatesh and Davis, 2000

# Effective Online Teaching Competencies

#### **Presence**

Listen to students

Communication Modelling online behaviours Cordial learning environment Expectations

#### **Facilitation**

Facilitate interaction
Promote interactivity
Encourage cooperation
Resolve conflict
Encourage active learning
Implement instructional strategies

#### **Supporting Students**

Feedback
Monitor student progress
Time management
Manage learning environment
Content knowledge
Responsiveness



How much consideration do we give to our students readiness to engage with our content online? What about how they engage with each other / us?

How does the push-pull of technology, pedagogy and content knowledge impact our practice?

# ABC Design For Learning

Shifting the focus: Experience Types



#### Acquisition

Books | Readings | Website | Video | Document | Blog | Social Media | Podcast



#### Collaboration

Wiki | Assignment or Task | Skyle | Trello | Twitter | Zoom | Google Meet | Blog



#### Discussion

Forum | Chat | Zoom | Meet | Comments sections (YouTube, PodCasts) | Twitter | Facebook | Skype



#### Investigation

Database | Wiki | Library / Online | Documents | Online sources / journals | Videos | Social Media | Online news sites



#### Practice

Assignment | Quiz | Video | Podcast | Workshop



#### Production

Wiki | Blog | Video | Podcast | Prezi | Go Animate | PowToon |





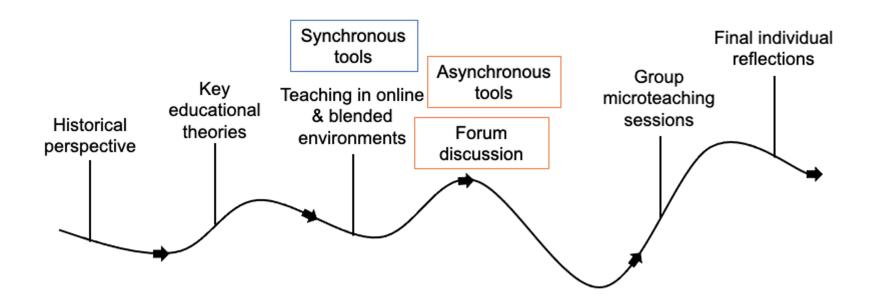
Mapping out your content & delivery

Weeks/Topic	Content	Learning types			
Week 1 of module	Module introduction	Acquisition  Teacher introduces module in Zoom	Discussion Students discuss their current experiences using the chat box and mic	Investigation Students provided with a number of links on Google Classroom to source ideas for their project	Discussion  'Social' forum  available for students  to share their ideas for their assignments
Week 2 of module	Introduction to Volcanoes	Acquisition  Edpuzzle video provided which outlines the main ways volcanoes are formed	Practice Students asked to draw a volcano and label the main parts. Submissions made to MS Teams	Collaboration Students work together to create a 'database' of active volcanoes in Europe. Stored on Google Classroom	
Week 3 of module					
Week 4 of module					



# Online Pedagogies Module for Pre-service Teachers

# Module Overview



#### Assessment Brief

#### PART A: 3 Microteaching Activities (Total: 30%)

Students will be divided into groups. Each member of the group will deliver microteaching components to their group and receive peer feedback from the other members of that group.

Grades will be awarded on a pass/fail basis, based on each folder containing:

- The 3 Microteaching Activities
- · Feedback from peers on each microteaching activity

#### **Activity 1**

Recorded Live webinar / lesson - 10 mins (+/- 10%) with peer feedback

Due Fri 2nd October

#### Activity 2

Asynchronous content (recorded presentation / screencast) - 5 mins (+/- 10%) with peer feedback

Due Fri 23rd October

#### Activity 3

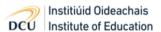
Moderated Discussion forum (min 5 teacher interactions) with peer feedback

Due Fri 6th November

Group divided into small groups for microteaching sessions

Grade awarded on pass/fail basis once components completed, focus of evaluations was on support/learning

Delivery of 3 different microteaching sessions



SG901 Peer Feedback Sheet - Webinars

		General information
Teacher Name:	Date:	
Topic:	<b>Evaluator Name:</b>	

Component	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Preparation					
Session management					
Varying interactions					•
Communication					
Use of available tools					

Evaluation of specific elements

Areas of Achievement

Areas for Development

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SG901 Peer Feedback Sheet - Asynchronous

Teacher Name:

Date:

Topic:

**Evaluator Name:** 

Component	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Planning & Sequencing					
Engagement Strategies / Techniques					
Content Quality					
Support / Communication channels					

Areas of Achievement	
Areas for Development	

General information

Evaluation of specific elements

Areas of achievement and development

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Com	Component	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent			
Prep: Co	Purpose of forum discussion was clear								
Sess Pla Se Varyi En	Quality of resources used to start / develop discussion							— Evaluation of specific elements	
Comi Str Tei Use ( Co	Moderation of forum / interaction with learners								
Areas Co	Areas of Achievement								
Area:	Areas for Development							Areas of achievement and development	

## Research Procedure

#### **Participants**

244 pre-service teachers, studying for PME

Module delivered to 1st and 2nd year students

82 returned responses (34%)

#### Questionnaire

20 questions across 4 main themes

**Perceptions of module content** 

**Perceptions of assessment approaches** 

**Application of learning** 

Looking to the future

Questions were presented with a likert scale (1 - 5), which space for qualitative responses

# Findings

Purpose of microteaching sessions was to provide students with the opportunity to practice skills: peer evaluations were designed to turn this into a collaborative learning experience.

**General:** Sense of gratitude and relief - technology and approaches were not as daunting once they got started. They had a newfound confidence in their abilities

**Technology:** Learning about the tools is important, but understanding how and why we use the tools is more important in order to establish engagement. Module provided a foundation for future learning and experimentation.

**Implications:** Many of the tools and techniques are relevant in online learning as well as traditional classroom environments. Students were encouraged to reflect on their face-to-face teaching and how interaction and engagement are encouraged.

