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11:00am - 11:40am

Room: Block A, Room A302

Workshop Title: The 'what' and 'how' of using ePortfolios for language learning

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Abstract

ePortfolios as a device for learning and assessment have been widely adopted, largely due to the growing application of information and technologies (ICTs) in recent years. Because of the relative novelty of ICTs in learning, some researchers call for an investigation of whether ePortfolio users are 'learning about technology' or 'learning through technology'. The main reason is that learners who are ICT literate may not be academically e-literate, and consequently lack the necessary skills to make appropriate use of technology to permit effective learning to occur.

The workshop aims to introduce participants to the ePortfolio system that the English Language Centre of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University has devised and implemented to help students develop greater proficiency in English and for professional employment. The workshop comprises two sections: learning about the main features of the ePortfolio system ('what') and engaging in hands-on activities ('how'). Participants will also contribute to a discussion with the facilitators about issues pertaining to ePortfolio development and implementation from the perspectives of the teacher, learner and system designer.

Biodata

Juliana Chau is currently teaching at the English Language Centre of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. She has researched, presented papers at conferences and published book chapters and journal articles on portfolios and ePortfolios, learner motivation, language and pedagogic development, collaborative learning and assessment. Her PhD thesis examines the effects of reflective portfolios on English language development and learning.

Peggy Lui joined the English Language Centre of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2005 and has been involved in various e-learning projects. She has over nine years of experience in system development and system design. She focuses on internet solution and has worked on projects for international corporations. She also provides consultancy service to advertising agencies and software houses.