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Block A, Room A302

Presentation Title: From here to the new curriculum through ePortfolio-mediated pedagogy

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Abstract

One major challenge faced by the English Language Centre (ELC) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in the 4-year curriculum relates to how language provision can fully meet the outcome-based criteria in aligning subject outcomes with teaching and assessment. This is because an outcome-based approach involves, among others, changes in the curricula to facilitate all-round development of graduates to survive and succeed in an increasingly globalised economy. While the ELC articulates whole-person development and life-long learning as one of its strategic objectives, the ELC's perceived main role remains that of language training. How the ELC can support the development of both students' language skills and their other attributes including self-awareness, willingness to accept responsibility, and critical and creative thinking has been much discussed.

One ELC initiative to address this challenge is through ePortfolio technology and methods. The ELC ePortfolio is essentially a student-managed tool to foster students' ability to use English outside class, plan, monitor, reflect on and self-assess how their learning activities align with the subject learning outcomes and goals. This workshop will discuss three key aspects of the ePortfolio: self-assessment and navigation through the system; peer and teacher interaction and feedback, and collaborative assessment for learning.

Biodata

Juliana Chau is a Lecturer 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, sociocultural factors in language learning, collaborative learning and assessment.

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