TEACHING AND LEARNING IN AN INTERCONNECTED WORLD

A Guide To Transnational Education In Sustainability

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Mercator
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15 Instructors
70 Students

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Sustainability Problems and Solutions

Urgent
Global and local
Contested
Wicked
Complex
A glocal curriculum and teaching-learning environment for change agents in an interconnected world

Design and implementation

Evaluation and evidence
Glocal Curriculum
Curriculum Concept

Knowing
– kinds of knowledge,
– ways of engaging knowledge,
➢ to creatively address and solve sustainability challenges?

Acting
– skills & competencies
➢ to creatively address and solve sustainability challenges?

Being
– kind of mind-set
– sense of being
➢ to address and solve sustainability challenges?
Curriculum Design
Glocal Teaching-Learning-Environments

Intentional integrative design of:

- **Places**: Local and Global
- **Spaces**: Virtual and Real
- **Relationships**:
  - Student & students,
  - Student & Instructor
  - Team teaching
Glocal Teaching-Learning Environment. Place & People

- Experience-based learning
- Research-based learning
- Transnational project teams
- Self-directed learning through coaching and collaborative work
- Connecting with local communities through research
- Guided reflection activities
“I developed an interest in my city, and feel more at home and **invested** in its welfare and growth. In the future I want to be **involved** in developing the community of my city.”
Glocal Teaching-Learning Environment. Space & People

- Blended Learning Setting
- Asynchronous and synchronous communication skills (moderation and presentation)
- Promoting critical digital literacy
- Online software (project management, ePortfolios...)
“Through this educational experience, I gained team work skills, trained my holistic view on issues, understood the problem's complexity and thereby hurdles to a more sustainable way. Now, I am able to reflect on my very own values and surroundings.”
To where – from here?

**Transfer**

Curricula that foster change agents’ knowledges, mindsets, and skills.

**Scaling**

Adaptable and flexible formats for teaching and learning that match the real-world challenges of the 21st century

**Support**

A practical guide with resources for administrators, deans, program designers, and teaching staff
Thank you for your attention!

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