

ECEL 2019 Pre-Conference Workshop

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10:00 – 12:30

Aalborg University, Copenhagen, Denmark

Virtual Collaboration in Online Learning Environments

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Collaboration has emerged to be increasingly important in both learning and working environments. Globalization and increased digitalization require more virtual collaboration across different time zones and cultures. Online learning environments like MOOCs lack social interaction with the instructor and / or other learners and thus require a higher level of self-discipline in comparison to traditional classroom education. Group work could therefore play an important role in online learning environments to build up a collaborative learning environment, which fosters social learning and interaction. The workshop will discuss group work in virtual learning environments, the challenges in virtual collaboration and how virtual group work can be supported by the instructors. The workshop will be based on research results on virtual collaboration in online learning environments.

Learning outcomes:

- Discuss the value of virtual group work in online learning environments
- Analyse challenges of virtual collaboration
- Provide solutions to mitigate these challenges from the instructor's and the technology's side
- Present tools and give the opportunity to experience virtual collaboration.

The workshop will be suitable for anyone who wants to include virtual group work in online learning environments.



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Niki Panteli is a Professor of Digital Business at Royal Holloway University of London, School of Management. Her main research interests lie in the area of digital transformations, virtual teams, online collaborations and online health communities. She is also doing research on gender and IT and more recently on cybersecurity.

The workshop will be held the day before ECEL 2019. The cost of attending the workshop is £35 for participants registered for the European Conference on e-Learning and £70 for anyone wishing to participate who is not attending the conference.

To reserve a place on the workshop see: <https://www.academic-conferences.org/conferences/ecel/ecel-registration/> and for more information contact: annette@academic-conferences.org

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