MOOCS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF LEARNING

ADDRESSING POTENTIALS, PEDAGOGICAL CHALLENGES AND LEARNING CULTURES

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Discussion Points

1. Addressing the learning perspective

 First, I will ask some questions from a learning perspective.

2. An explorative example

 Next I will tell you about how I investigated Moocs from a learners perspective:

3. Discussion

 Third, I will discuss What are the conditions for implementing MOOCs – teaching traditions

1. Addressing the learning perspective

How do we think about learning?

Goal oriented:

What is measured?

Value oriented:

What is worth knowing?

When is something learned?

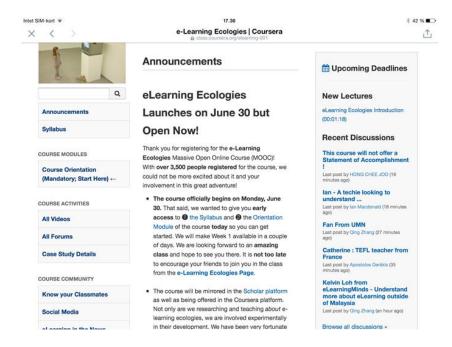
- When a change of behavior is observed
- When a cognitive capatity through mental processing and representation?
- When an experience has been met and new patterns for understanding are generated?
- When informations and source can be connected and reflected?

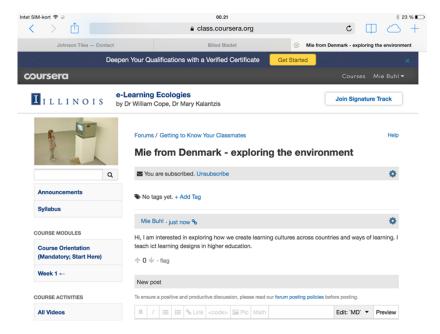
2. An explorative example

What is it like to study in a mooc environment?

- Explorative case study, reflected from a theoretical perspective
- How does the course design frame the students learning activites?

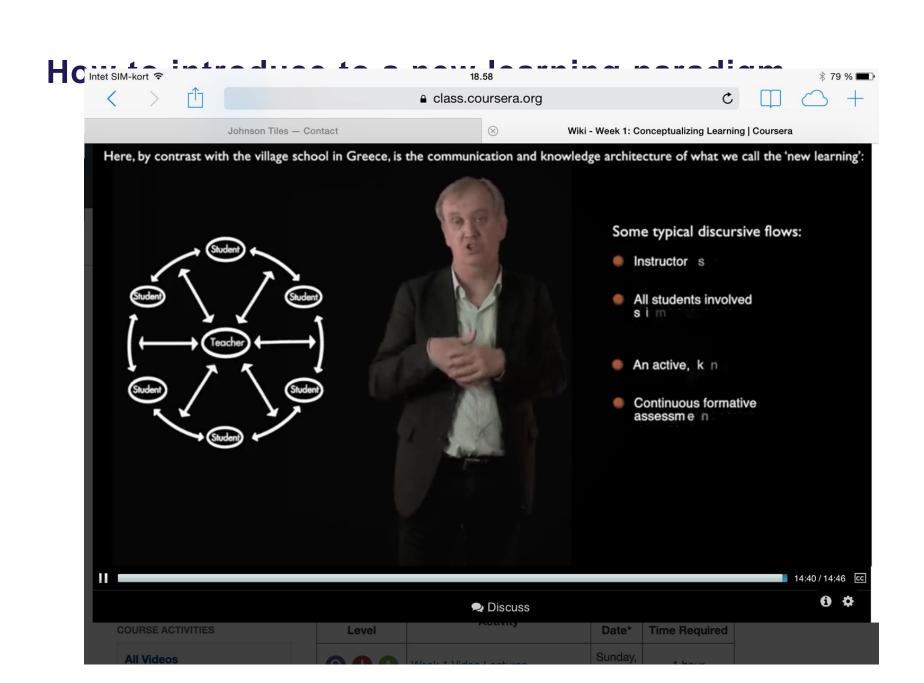
Joining Illinois University's course on E-learning Ecologies



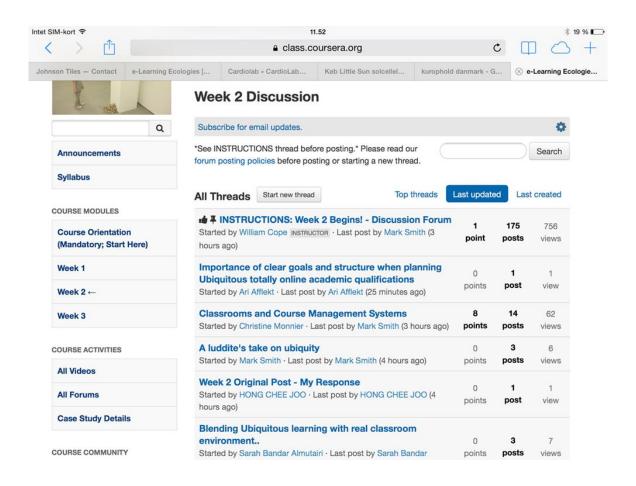


The design of course activities

- A set of topics connected to e-learning
- Video lectures on the topic of the week
- Optional discussion forums
- Different levels of participation (watching, reading and contributing, starting a discussion, conducting a case)



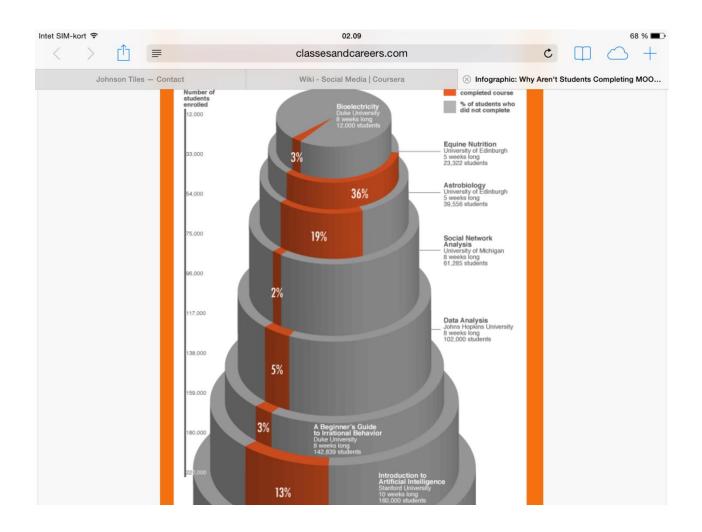
Who are the peers? Where is the action?



3. Discussion

- What kind of teaching and learning cultures are emerging?
- What teaching traditions frame the activities?
- How are the students responses validated in a social arena?
- How does the teacher generate goals, choose content, plan syllabus and methods to a broad target group (nationally, geographically, paradigmatically, learning culturally)?

What is Mooc content and when is a course a succes?



Conclusive challenges and potentials

- The choice of the learning paradigm: instruction or social learning?
- The lecture videos and the aim of new learning forms
- What content is relevant on Moocs and for who?
- What about the European vs the Asian learning perspective? Are they the same?



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