Network-based Foreign Language Teaching and Learning

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This seminar aims to provide participants with an overview of the potential and actual impact of information and communications technologies (ICT) on new learning environments, in general, and on the foreign language curriculum, in particular. It will begin with a review of relevant theories of second language learning. It will also discuss how the specific attributes of electronic media can be harnessed to translate these theories into practice and to overcome the immense geographical distance which separates learners from the country or countries of their target language. It will offer participants the opportunity to explore and evaluate currently available online exercises, tasks and other materials, including, in particular, resources found in "e-daf", the Virtual Self-access Centre for German as a Foreign Language of the National University of Singapore. Participants will also receive some hands-on instruction in the creation of interactive online exercises and in the design and management of more complex network-based projects.