

E-Learning: Necessarily a Joint Approach



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Experiences from the Graduate School on Feedback Based Quality Management in E-Learning



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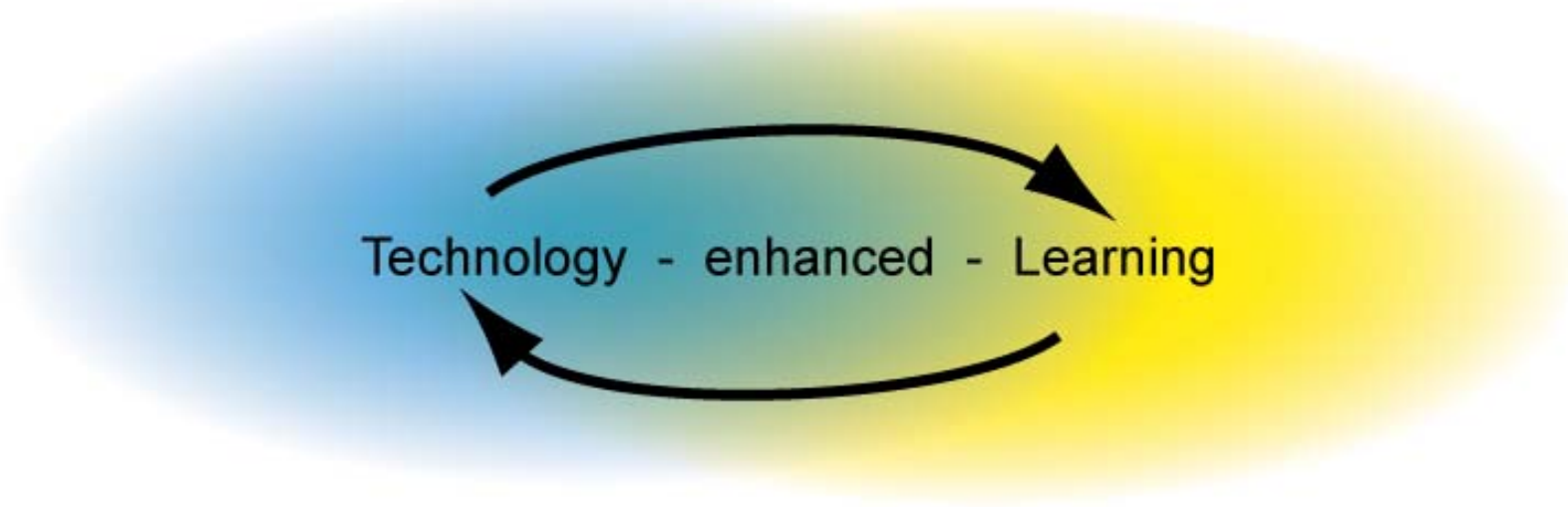
Facts About the Graduate School



Graduate School on Feedback Based Quality Management in E-Learning

- Funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- Participating Institutions at TU Darmstadt:
 - Computer Engineering
 - Pedagogics
 - Didactics of Mathematics
 - Philosophy
 - Construction Engineering
 - Psychology
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Literary Studies
- 16 postgraduate Students, 2 postdoctoral Students

E-Learning is an interdisciplinary Subject



Technology - enhanced - Learning

How do we foster this?

How Do We Integrate Engineering and Humanities?

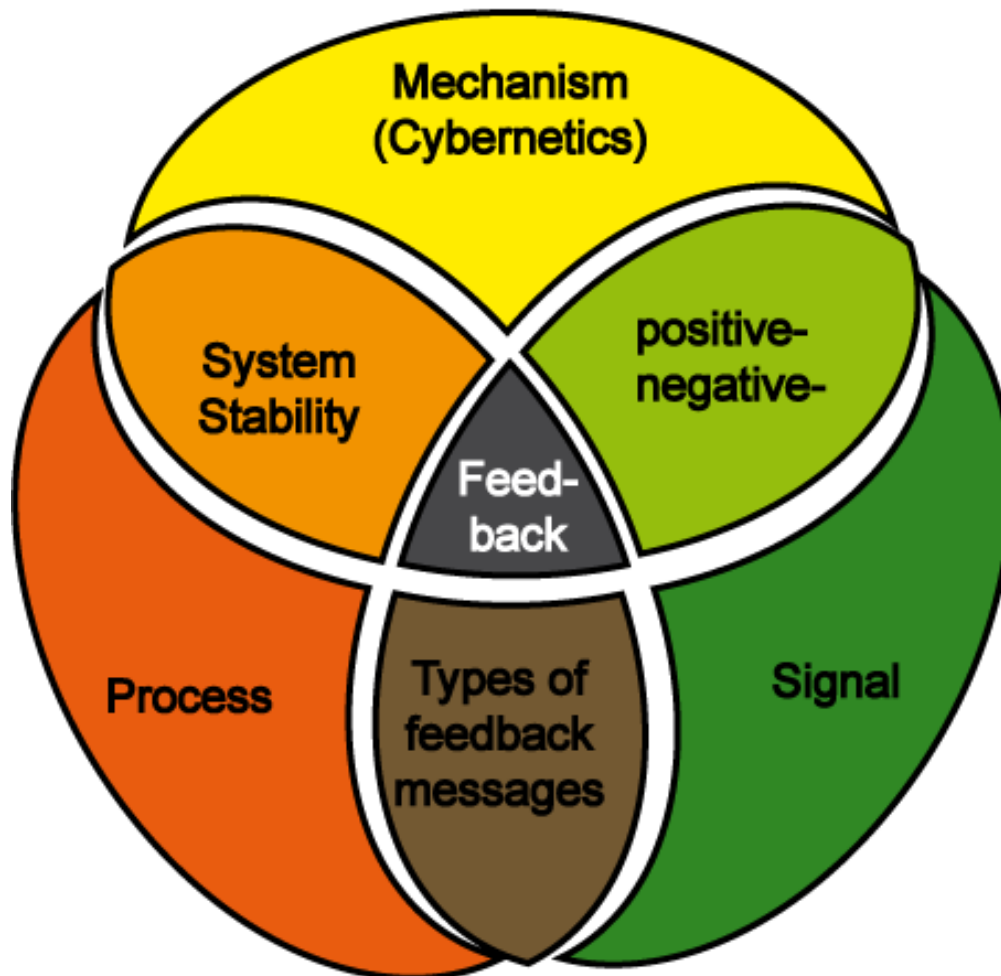


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Good and Bad Practices

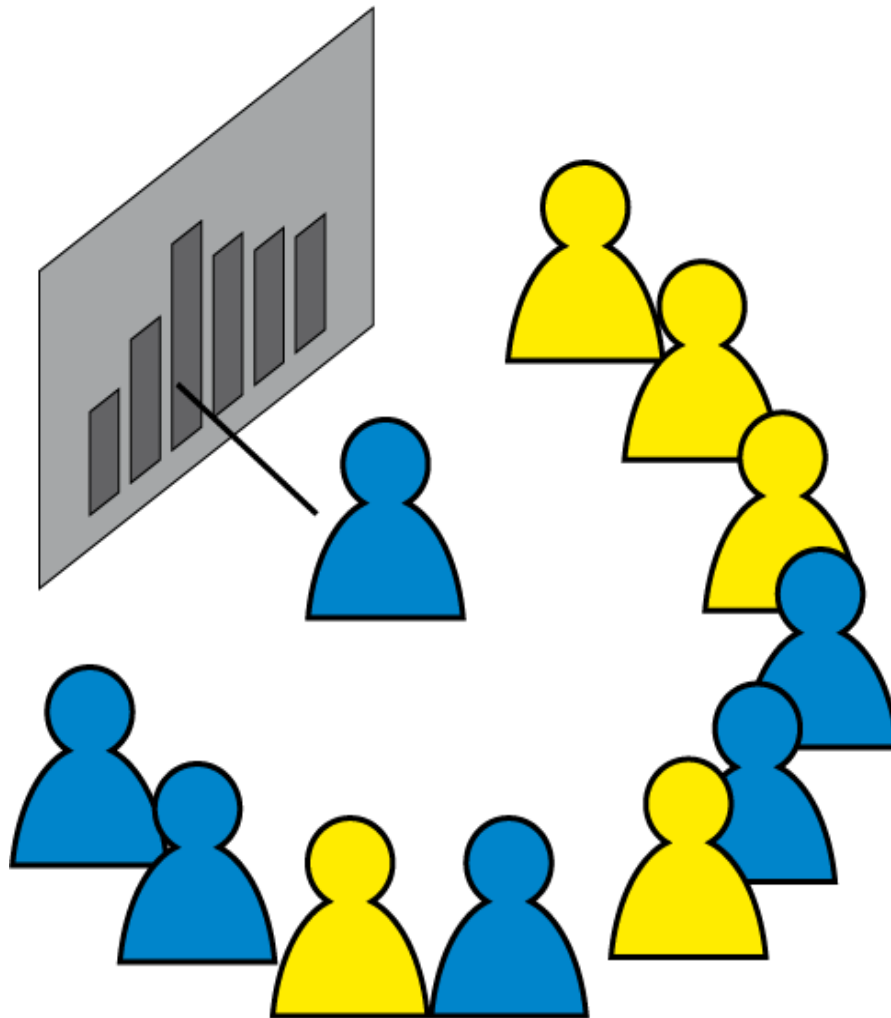
1. A common ground?
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1. A Common Frame of Reference?



- Shared terminology does imply shared meaning.
- The intersection is not enough
- Understanding the differences in perspective helps building a common discourse and culture.
- A well delimited common ground... that you can tread on
- Suddenly it is not an issue anymore.

2. Harness Differences in Perspectives

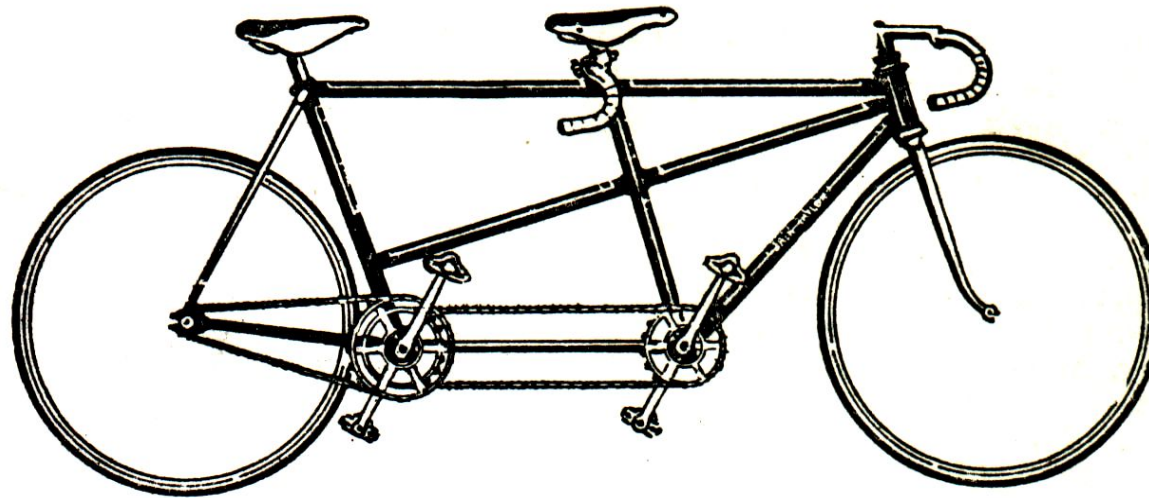


- Bi-weekly Colloquium. Graduate students present and discuss their work

Possible Pitfall:

- Humanities tend to dominate the discourse!

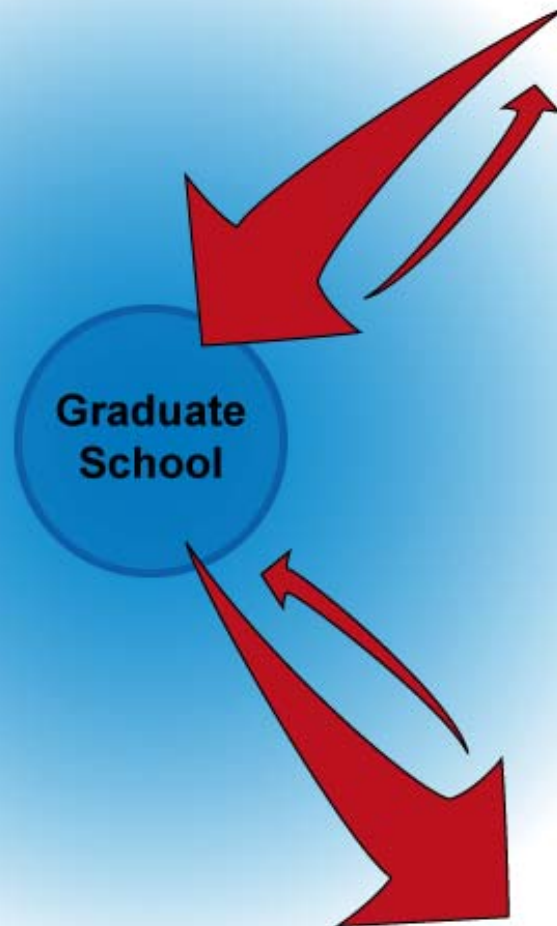
3. Tandems: The Basic Unit of Interaction



- Two people from different disciplines working together
- Grew organically and self-organized
- Wide range of collaboration:
 - ... Common Project ... Common Concept ... Personal Discussions ...

Impact of the Graduate School on Higher Education

- Involve students in research with projects and Master Theses.
- Implementing E-Learning scenarios in university courses introduces novel E-Learning to students and fellow teachers.



Interdisciplinarity is Interaction and Practice.

- Support the Flow of Knowledge into and out of research practice.
- ECTS needs to allow for large projects that foster interdisciplinary collaboration.



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Thank you for listening!

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