



NORRAG

Network for international policies and cooperation in education and training

Réseau sur les politiques et la coopération internationales en éducation et en formation

Webinar

Why technology alone can't transform education

Date and Registration

When: Fri 17.09.2021, 14:30 – 16:00 (CEST/Geneva)

Where: Online – Registration [here](#)

NORRAG is organising a webinar showcasing research and practice on how we can use technology for positive impacts in two different, but complementary aspects of education: first, technology for teaching and learning and second, digital rights and data colonialism. **Justin Reich**, MIT, and **Tel Amiel**, University of Brasília, will discuss these issues with an online audience.

Professor Justin Reich, Director of Teaching Systems Lab & Associate Professor of Comparative Media Studies/Writing (author of the book *Failure to Disrupt: Why Technology Alone Can't Transform Education*) argues that education technology has never sweepingly transformed schools, but there are specific tools and approaches that work well in certain subjects with certain students. He looks back at where technology has made the most positive difference and argues that understanding the barriers to adoption and effective implementation can give us clues to how we can make technology-mediated learning work better in the future.

Professor Tel Amiel, UNESCO Chair in Distance Education Coordinator at the University of Brasília, will examine issues related to privacy and data colonialism. He will outline two competing narratives that are mobilised as school systems and higher education institutions increasingly adopt online, cloud-based educational technologies in the effort to include and provide access to students. One narrative emphasizes 'free' tools from transnational private businesses. The second promotes 'open' educational resources that permit no-cost access, re-use, re-purposing, adaptation and redistribution without the privacy concerns raised by 'free' tools.

Agenda 14:30 - 16:00

Welcome

Dr. Moira V. Faul, Executive Director, NORRAG, Switzerland

Presentation

Professor Justin Reich, Director of Teaching Systems Lab and Associate Professor of Comparative Media Studies/Writing

Q&A with the audience

Presentation

Professor Tel Amiel, UNESCO Chair in Distance Education Coordinator at the University of Brasília

Q&A with the audience

Q&A with the audience

Closing remarks

Dr. Moira V. Faul, Executive Director, NORRAG, Switzerland

The event will take place on the NORRAG Zoom platform from 14:30 – 16:00. After the presentations by the two speakers, there will be ample time for discussion with the audience.

NORRAG is an Associate Programme of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) and is supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Open Society Foundations (OSF).