# ICT enriched learning environments at the University of Luxembourg

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### Outline

- Context of Higher Education in Luxembourg
- Current situation @ University of Luxembourg
- A special use case: Bachelor of educational sciences (BScE)



# Higher Education in Luxembourg

- Lecturers ==> students: top-down
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- Teachers <=> students: "learning community" (web 2.0)
  - Collaboration via ICT tools
  - Extended learning environments



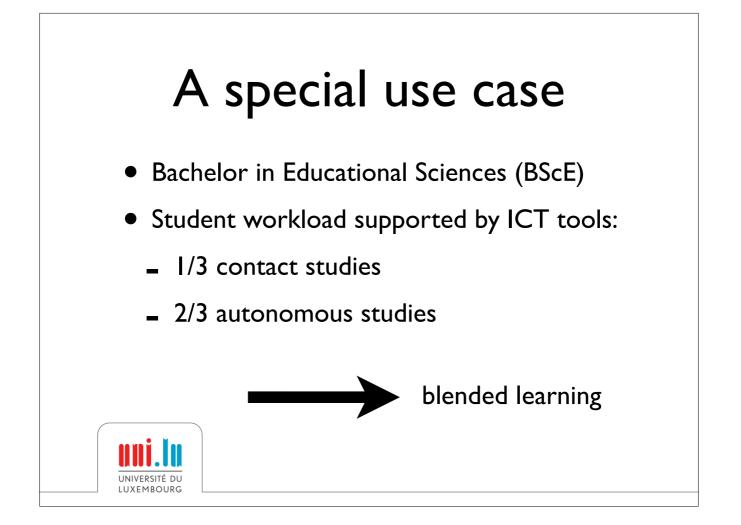
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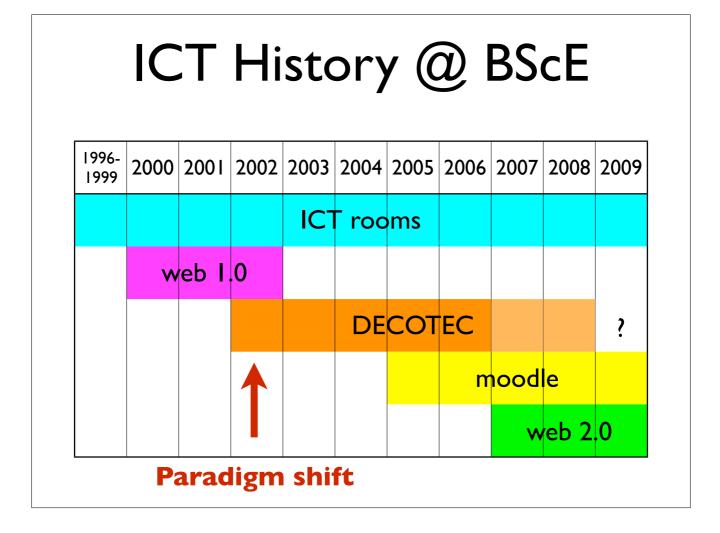
- 3 types of self-developed ePlatforms
  - Ganesha (project based) <u>http:</u>

http://cicel.uni.lu

- DECOTEC (project based, completed)
- TAO (large scale eAssessment, proj.) <u>http://www.tao.lu</u>
- recently: moodle used @ UL level



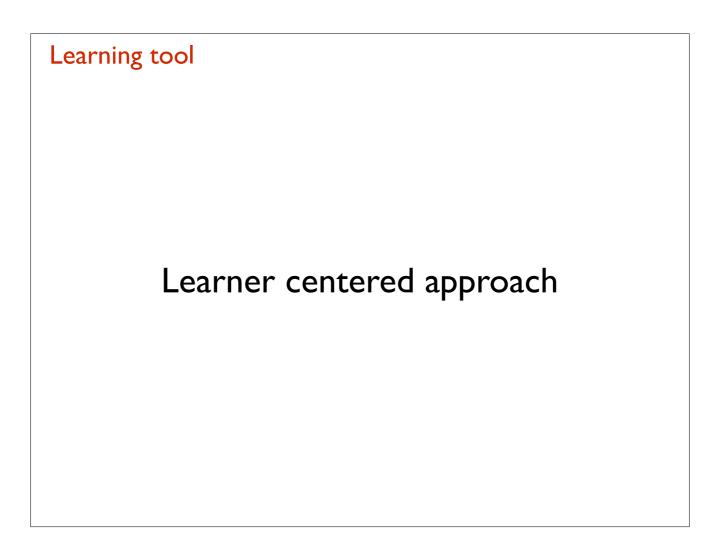


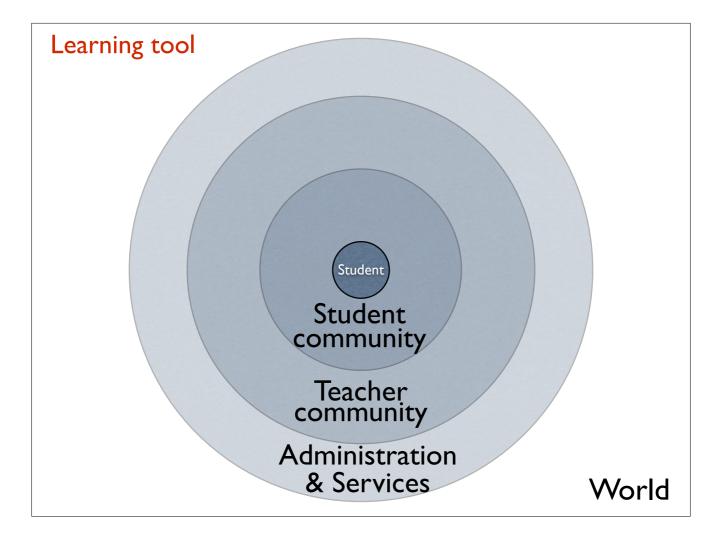


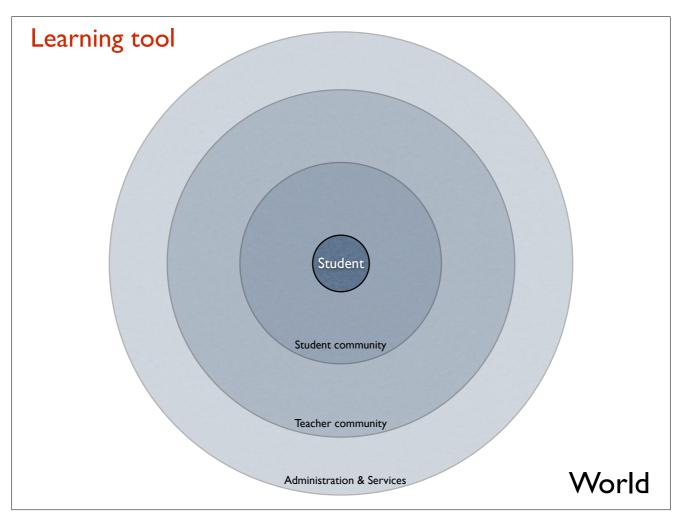
# ICT based learning tools

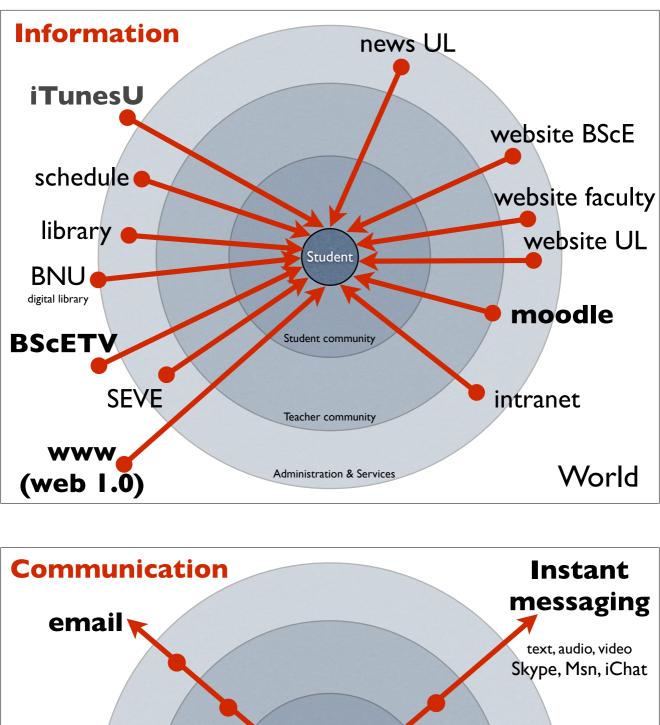
- Information
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Production
- Publication

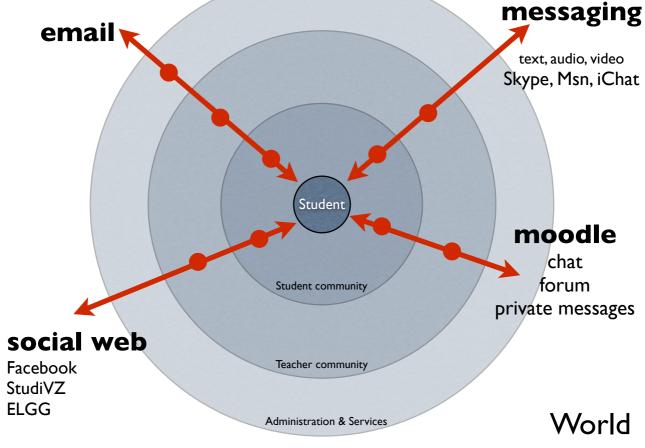


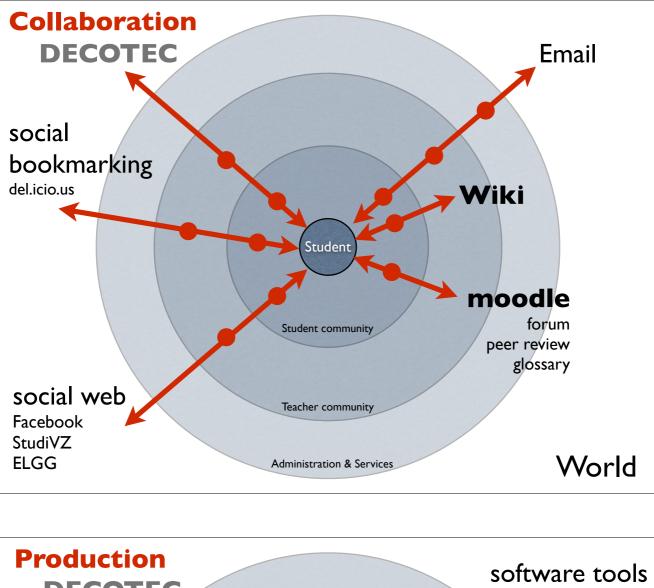


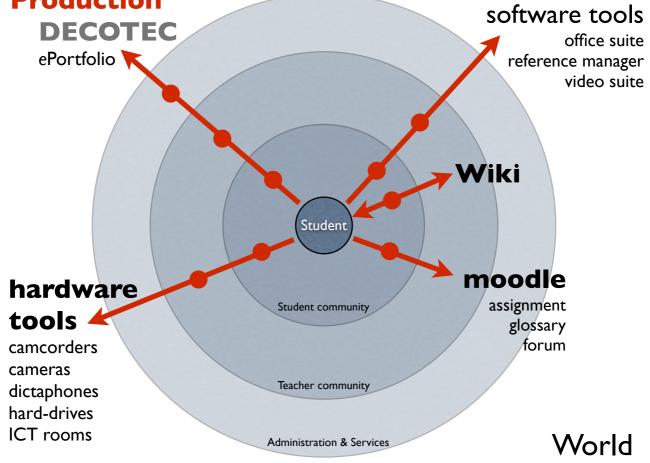


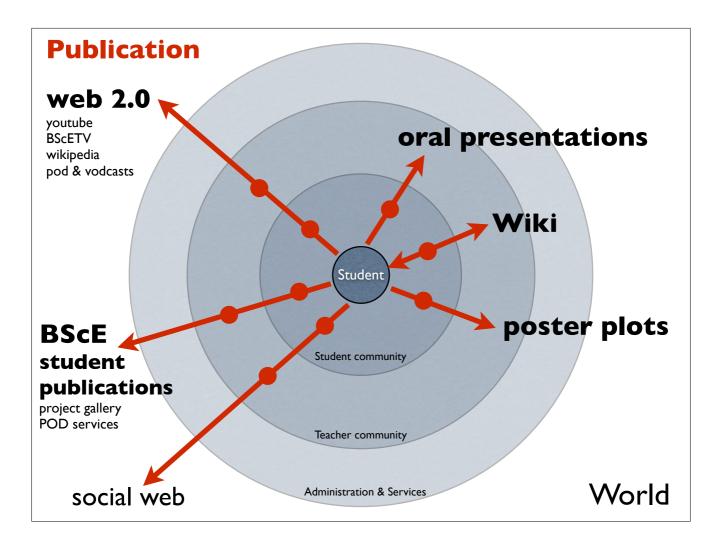














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## Socio-constructivist approach

- complex environment
- open and evolving environment
- self-regulated, autonomous learning
- process and product oriented
- authentic and active learning
- embedded in a learning community (learner, teacher, mentor, administration, world)



### Technology is often the Trojan Horse through which innovation enters the school.



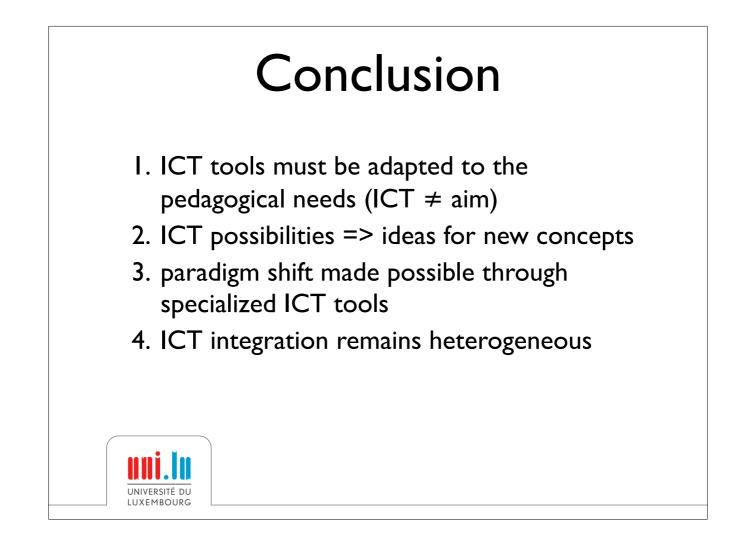
Chris Held (cited in Peck & Dorricott, 1994, p. 14)



### Issues

- a lot of different platforms
   => a lot of information that needs to be parsed
- used to a tool: resistance against change
- fear of the new tools (students & teachers)
- steep learning curve (ongoing ICT literacy evaluation)





## Future directions

- virtual desktop with single sign-on
- staying open to new developments
- preference for open source technologies
- evaluation of ICT tool usage (ongoing Ph. D. thesis)
- exchange with other universities

e.g. Charter universities



