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"Wikispaces in language teaching: prospectives in creativity"

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Abstract

The modern didactic approaches and the increasing interest in online resources, lead teachers and students to look for new communication and collaboration possibilities in class and at home.

The wikispace is an online collaborating publication instrument of easy and intuitive use, which doesn't ask for any technically specialized competences from students and teachers. Through a wikispace you can create an online space for the language class where teachers and students develop projects, collaborate and publish material. Teachers can use this instrument to publish the course content, for communication to their students, for homework and feedback on written assignments, for launching and stimulating research activities. For the students the wikispace is an online meeting/ reference point where they can find useful information for the course and discuss with their fellow students and the teacher. Every student can see and modify the input from other students. They feel no longer alone in their learning process: a whole group goes together towards a common goal.

Furthermore such an instrument can open new horizons in didactical creativity within a learner centered approach. Therefore this workshop will be held in two parts. The first part will focus on the practical functioning of the wikispace, with a presentation of practice examples. The participants, working in groups, will be able to create their own wikispace and get familiar with this instrument. During the second part participants (possibly in subgroups) will discuss and research together the potential applications of the wiki's in a live and creative didactic contest.

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