Electronic Management of Assessment and Assessment Analytics

The workshop will explore how technology can be used to enhance assessment and feedback activities and streamline associated administration and how we might make use of assessment data to improve learning. Across Europe universities are struggling with similar issues of bringing assessment and feedback practice up to date and meeting student and staff expectations:

UK (Jisc 2014)

'We're becoming increasingly used to dealing with the routine business of our daily lives online – from paying bills to buying groceries – so we might imagine that the days of students trudging to campus to hand in assignments, or trying to decipher a tutor’s scrawled comments are long gone. It seems similarly anachronistic that tutors carry around back-breaking piles of essays to mark by hand, which will then need to be manually entered into IT systems and go through multiple rounds of scrutiny to weed out input errors.'

Norway (National Task Force 2014)

'The digital “natives” that attend higher education institutions in Norway today study and learn with their laptops/mobiles but when they turn up for their long awaited examination, they are, in their words, brought back to the stone age, and required to reproduce their knowledge with pen and paper. Academics eagerly wait for the students' papers to arrive in snail mail and spend their time interpreting the illegible hand writing while administrators spend their days counting, copying, double-checking, packing, sending examination papers from student to examiner.'

We will look at some national initiatives exploring the workflows associated with assessment from a range of perspectives including pedagogy, business processes, supporting systems, legal and organisational issues. We will hear from projects offering practical solutions to common problems. There will be an opportunity to talk about current developments with system suppliers. We will investigate how the use of data from assessment processes in various forms of 'assessment analytics' might better support learning and teaching practice.

We will be hearing from:

- Jisc Electronic Management of Assessment (EMA) project, UK
- National project on Digital Assessment, by UNINETT eCampus, Norway
- TALOE project pedagogic toolkit (europe-wide represented by project partner University of Zagreb)
- LACE project: Learning Analytics Community exchange (europe-wide)

The day will be highly interactive and will offer something of interest whether your role is academic, administrative or related to supporting IT systems. As a participant you will have the opportunity to:

- Find out about new developments across Europe
- Share practice and ideas
- Discuss new developments with relevant system suppliers
- Take away tools and techniques that can be used in your own context
- Contribute to some ongoing European projects

Places are limited: to reserve your place fill in the online booking form as soon as possible.

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