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#### Mini Track on Social Media as Learning Tools

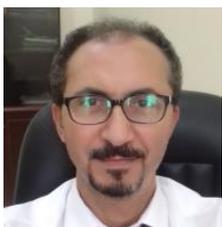
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Social media tools paradoxically promote independence while at the same time harness collaboration. They are tools which have revolutionized information creation, curation, sharing and communication between people across the world without any precedent in the history of mankind. This happens while we are living in the digital revolution and the normalisation of technological gadgets, tools and concepts. From an educational perspective, students who are familiar with social media tools find it very difficult to re-conceptualise their usage in a formal learning context. This is due to the basic informal nature of those tools. However, the question pertaining here is to what extent can social media be effective learning tools and harness students' collaborative intelligence? We invite contributions which are based on empirical research and practice.

The focus themes will include but are not limited to:

- Collaborative Learning
- Collaborative Intelligence
- Learner Independence
- Differentiated Learning
- Effective Learning
- Blended Learning



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#### *Submission details*

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