

## ECEL 2023

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#### Mini Track on The Past, Present and Future of e-Learning

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e-Learning has become an umbrella term that covers a wide range of technology-supported learning experiences. A Google search of the term “e-learning” returns about 5 070 000 000 results in 0,38 seconds. e-learning is now an accepted branch of the learning landscape. Universities have developed creative and innovative e-learning tools and strategies. Parallel to university e-learning tools and strategies, large corporations have also entered the e-learning space. Some detractors of universities are arguing that universities are dead, university courses are impractical, and why go to university when you can register for an online course that will meet your specific need?

While online e-learning courses meet a specific short-term need, university e-learning courses are developed to enhance the thinking and problem-solving capabilities of students. We as academics have not appropriately reflected on past experiences, current experiences, and the future of e-learning. As technology increasingly finds its way into the learning spaces, e-learning will likely continue to grow in popularity and become an increasingly important part of the education landscape. Could we bridge the gap between university online courses and non-university courses by applying creative blended learning techniques? How could the university develop more effective means of evaluating the success of students? And has the university been able to successfully assess students?

The purpose of this mini-track is to develop a better understanding of how we as academic champions reflect on our history, present experiences, and outlook on e-learning. This mini-track will have a strong focus on academic's reflections on their experiences, lessons learnt, successes, and failures during their e-learning journey. Suggested subjects focusing on Content Design are (but not limited to):

- Navigating university management
- Navigating assessment
- Navigating remote learning
- Navigating being a remote academic
- Navigating the technology
- Ethical dilemmas



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#### Submission details

In the first instance a 300 word abstract is required, to be received by the **5<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. Submissions must be made using the online submission form at: <http://www.academic-conferences.org/conferences/ecel/ecel-abstract-submission/>

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