

# #EmergingEnglish

Higher Education EME Community of Practice (CoP) Webinar #2
18 June 2020 5pm-6.30pm

**English for Education Systems (EES)** 

#### **SPEAKERS**



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#### Welcome

#### **Welcome to the Higher Education Community of Practice Webinar #2**

This event is one of a series of 4 events held in June 2020 as part of the **#EmergingEnglish** series of events and mini-conferences. to promote sharing of practitioner ideas and solutions for different challenges within English Medium Education and ESP/EAP (English for Specific Purposes / English for Academic Purposes), primarily in Higher Education within China.

#### This webinar series will:

- Facilitate the sharing of knowledge and ideas from EME/ESP/EAP practitioners both nationally and internationally;
- Provide an opportunity for reflection on what other teachers are doing in other contexts and whether this can be integrated into our practice;
- Allow some interaction and feedback between peers on the topic of EME and EAP/ESP, primarily, but not solely, focusing on the challenges of the past few months and solutions or tips on how these challenges can be addressed from the classroom.



### **English Medium Education/Instruction**

"the use of the English language to teach academic subjects (other than English itself) in countries or jurisdictions where the first language (L1) of the majority of the population is not English."



#### **Webinar - Housekeeping**

Today's webinar uses Zoom Webinar. There are functionality differences between this and Zoom meeting.

This webinar is being recorded

#### **Unfortunately, you cannot:**

- Turn on your audio
- Turn on your video
- Publish questions in the Q and A

#### But, you can:

- See and hear all presentations
- Submit questions for consideration in the Q and A
- Use the chat function (Please do!)
- Presentations will be approximately 15 minutes.
- After each presentation questions from the Q and A will be presented to our speakers.
- For questions that have not been published or answered we will try to answer them after the webinar and publish them on social media channels.
- Webinar recordings will be made available after the webinar on social media channels E.g., Weibo & Facebook Links will be shared to each platform through QR code at the end



### **Speaker Bios**



Dr. Xiaodan SUN is an Associate
Professor at the Southwest Jiaotong
University. Chengdu. She gained her PhD,
in Civil Engineering from the Harbin
Institute of Technology. Dr. Sun
participated in EMI training through the
British Council in 2017. She currently
specialises in Engineering Seismology.



### **Speaker Bios**

**Dr. Xu Jian** received his Ph.D. from the University of Science and Technology, Beijing in 2012, and subsequently moved to the College of Materials Science and Engineering, Chongqing University as Assistant Professor (2012-2014). He was then an Associate Professor from 2014 and from 2019 became a Professor. He has previously completed Bilingual Instructor Training at the College of Education, University of Oregon (2015), and the Researcher Connect Training (2015) and English as a Medium of Instruction Training (2016) through the British Council. He has also attended an Instructional Skills Workshop (2019) at Centre for Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, Chongqing University.





## BRITISH Speaker Bios



**Dr. Du Huizhen** is an Associate Professor at School of Journalism & Communication, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies (GDUFS), and is engaged in the teaching and research of journalism & communication.

She gained her BA in English in 1993 from the Guangzhou Institute of Foreign Languages, and her MA (1999) in Communication Studies, from Leeds University, UK. She gained her PhD in 2010.

Dr. Du previously worked as an English teacher for five years before teaching content through EMI from 1999; She is the founding head of the journalism department and deputy dean of the International Communication Faculty (2001-2005) in GDUFS.

**She teaches International Communication, Comparative** Studies of Chinese Journalism & Western Journalism, International News Trans-editing.

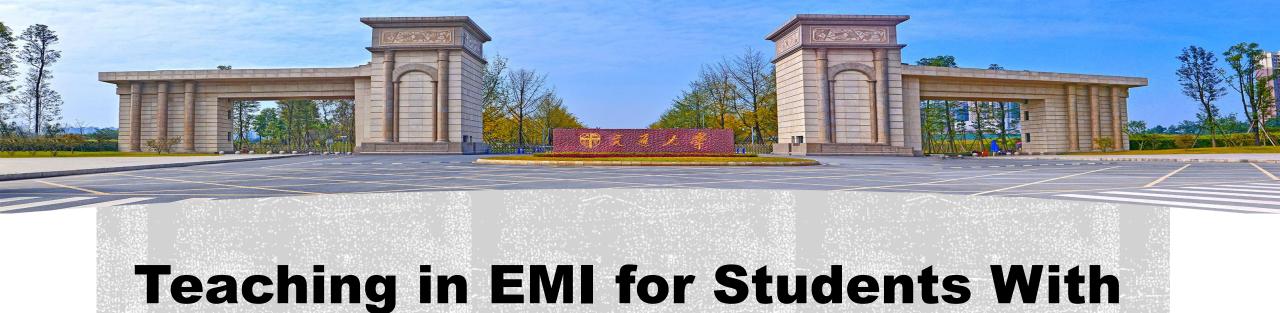


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## **Today's Agenda**



Approx. Time	Topic or title (s)	Speaker (s)/Specialisation	Organisation
17:00-	Welcome &	Fraser Bewick, British	British Council
17:05	Introduction	Council, China	
17:05-	Teaching in EMI for	Dr. Xiaodan Sun	Southwest Jiaotong
17:20	Students With	Specialises in	University
	Different English	Engineering Seismology	
	Levels	Linginieering Seismology	
17:20-		Q & A for Dr. Xiaodan	
17:30		Sun	
17:30-	Shaping EM	Dr. Xu Jian	Chongqing
17:45	Teaching through	College of Materials	University
	Visualization	Science and Engineering	
17:45-		Q & A for Dr. Xu Jian	
18:00			
18:00-	To Be Resourceful &	Dr. Du Huizhen	Guangdong
18:15	Supportive	School of Journalism &	University of
		Communication	Foreign Studies
18:15-		Q & A for Dr. Du Huizhen	
18:25			
18:25-	Closing	Fraser Bewick, British	British Council
18:30		Council, China	



# Teaching in EMI for Students With Different English Levels

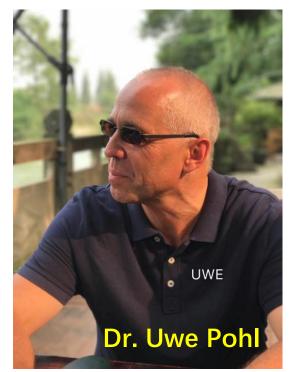
Xiaodan SUN

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## **2017 EMI Training in SWJTU**

To effectively enhance the internationalization level of undergraduate and postgraduate education in SWJTU, promote the Sino-foreign school projects and international exchange, improve the English proficiency and teaching ability of the subject teachers, SWJTU cooperated with the British Council to initiate a series of EMI teacher development projects.









#### Two 'EMI' courses

#### "Basic Engineering Seismology (BES)

- Seismology is the study of earthquakes and associated phenomena; Engineering seismology consists of those branches of seismology that have application to the aseismic design of structures;
- For International graduate students majoring in Civil Engineering.

#### "Academic English (AE) "

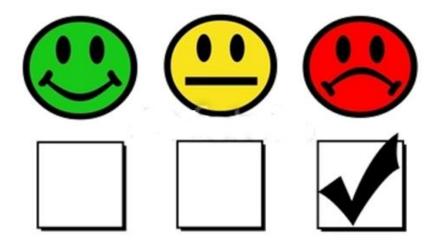
- Helps non-native speakers improve academic writing and communication; generally acknowledged to include the essential academic vocabulary, phrases and grammatical complexity;
- For Chinese graduate students majoring in Civil Engineering.





## What bothers me?

- Even though they are in the same major;
- Even though I use the same EMI teaching techniques;
- The feeling of both the students and me are.....













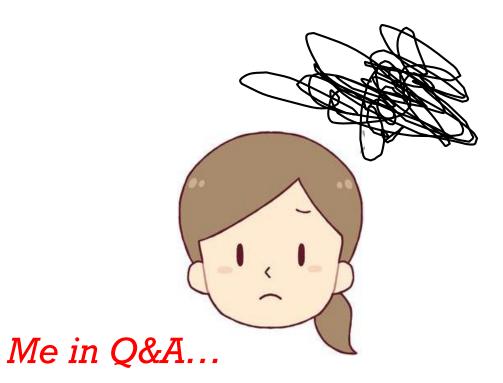




# **BES**

• Native: Ethiopia, Indian,...

• Non-Native: Pakistan, Nepal, Russia, ...







#### Reading & Written

is better than

Listening & Spoken

Good: IELTS, TOEFL

• Fair: CET-6

• Poor: CET-4



Students in Q&A...



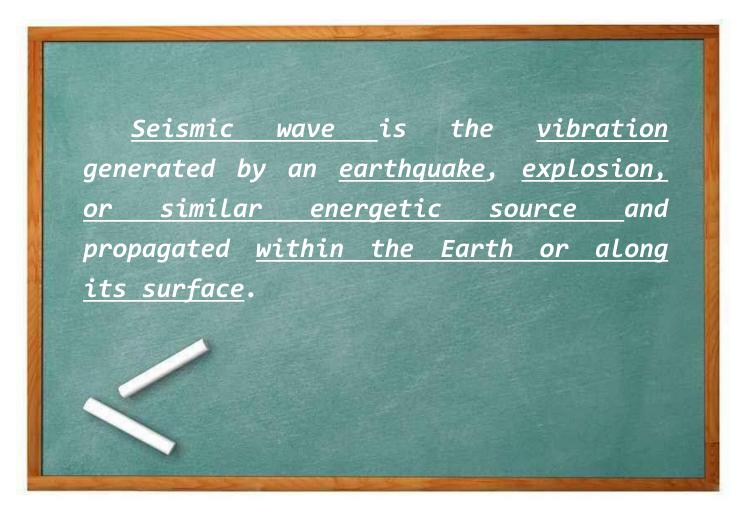
## What I do now in my two EMI courses...



## 1. Rate of speech

Me in BES







## 2. Activities

Activity	Content	BES	AE
Buzz	1-minute discussion	<b>V</b>	
D - : 1-	Jigsaw reading	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>
Pair work	Debate		<b>V</b>
	Bidding plan		V
Group work	Research proposal	<b>V</b>	
Seminar		<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>
Games	Guess word		<b>V</b>



## 3. Topics

**BES:** more technical words



Hypocenter

Landslide

•AE: general words first

Supervisor

Deadline



## 3.Topics

BES: more technical questions



- · How to build a response spectrum for an earthquake record?
- · How does fault movement generate an earthquake?

### •AE: general issues first

- · How do you pronounce a technical word more correctly?
- · How do you explain a technical word in a general way?



## 3. Topics

BES: more technical issues



Should Japan build NPP under the risk of earthquake and tsunami?

AE: general issues first

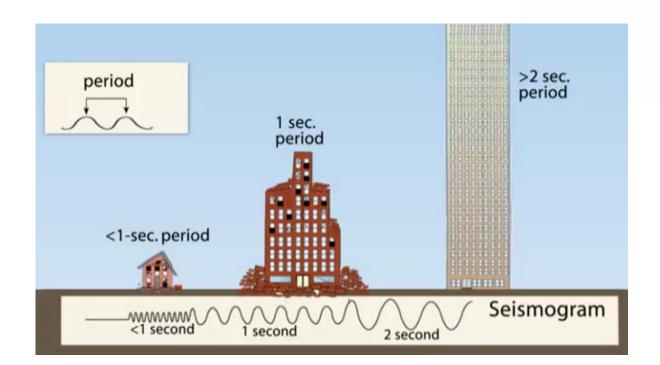
Spoken English is more important than written English?



## 4. Video aims

## •For BES:

- BBC documentary
- Discovery
- Seminar (no subtitle)







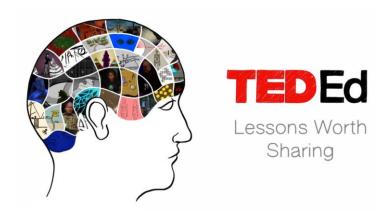


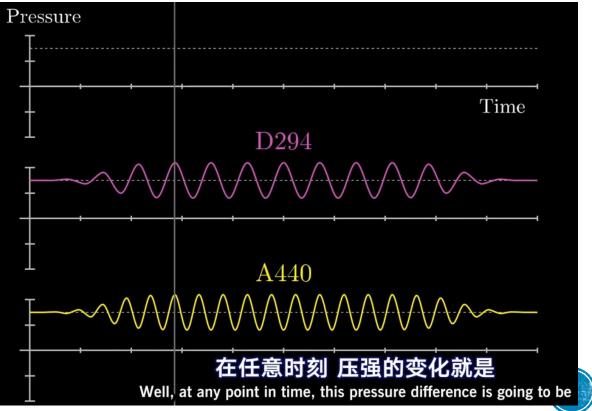
#### 4. Video aims

#### •for AE:

- Music/show
- Within 5 minutes
- TED-Ed (with subtitle)







## 5. My role in the class

#### For BES: a presenter and a chairman

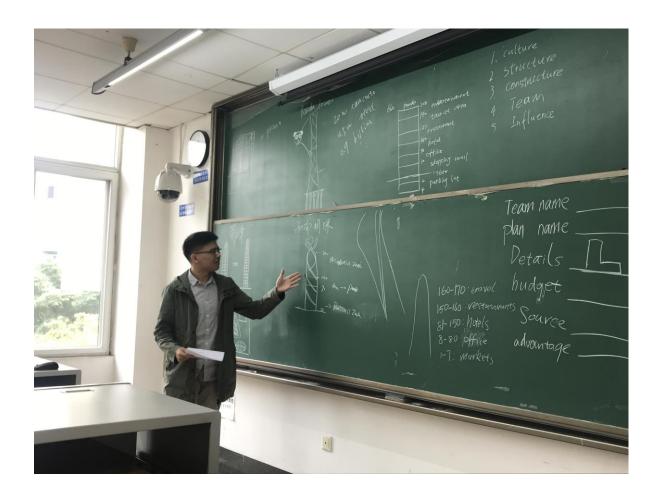
- Similar research field
- 15-minute speech
- Q&A after speech





# 5. My role in the class

For AE: a host and a judge











## 6. Evaluations

## for BES:

Understand professional knowledge	<b>√</b>	
Calculations and analysis		
Discussion on research focus	$\checkmark$	

#### for AE:

Courage of speaking English	$\checkmark$
Precision of writing English	$\checkmark$
Skill of communication	$\checkmark$





## **Possible Connections**







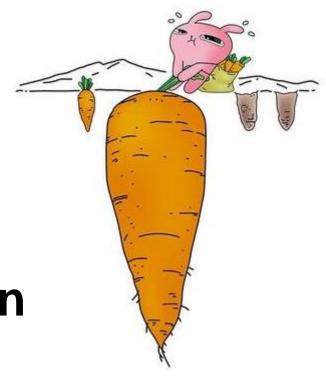
- With professional knowledge
- Need to improve English

- With good English
- · Need to learn knowledge



### In Conclusion

Teaching in EMI is challenging but fun only if you know your audience well.







#### **Question and Answer**

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# Shaping EM Teaching through Visualization

## My Personal Experience of Online Teaching

## Jian Xu

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# Background

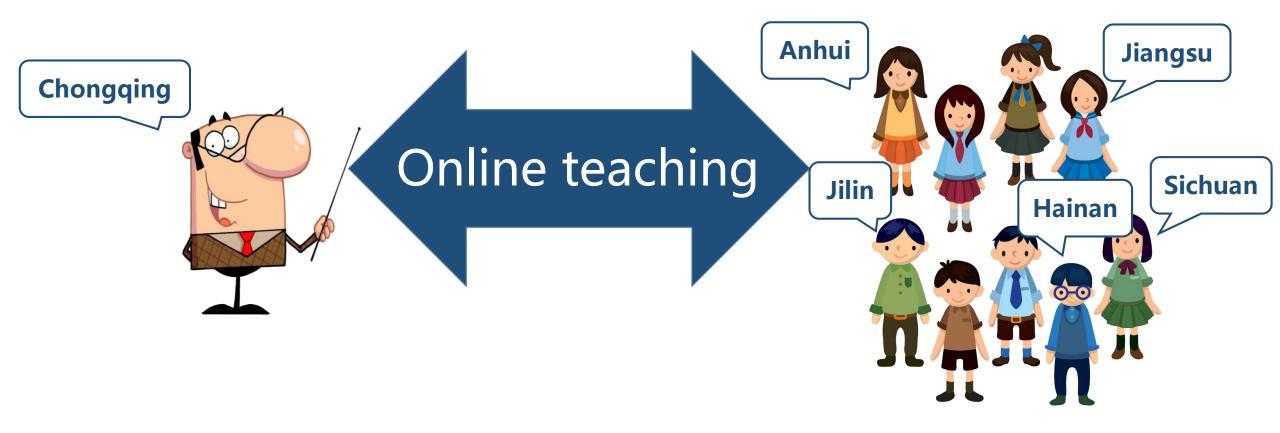


## Learners in Class



# Background

## Learners at home



# Background

Q1: How to effectively teach EM courses?

Q2: How to evaluate the efficiency?



# Let's start from...

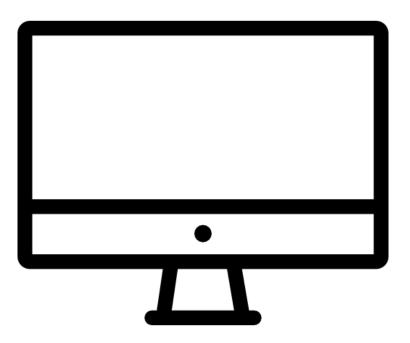
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# A wonderful dream



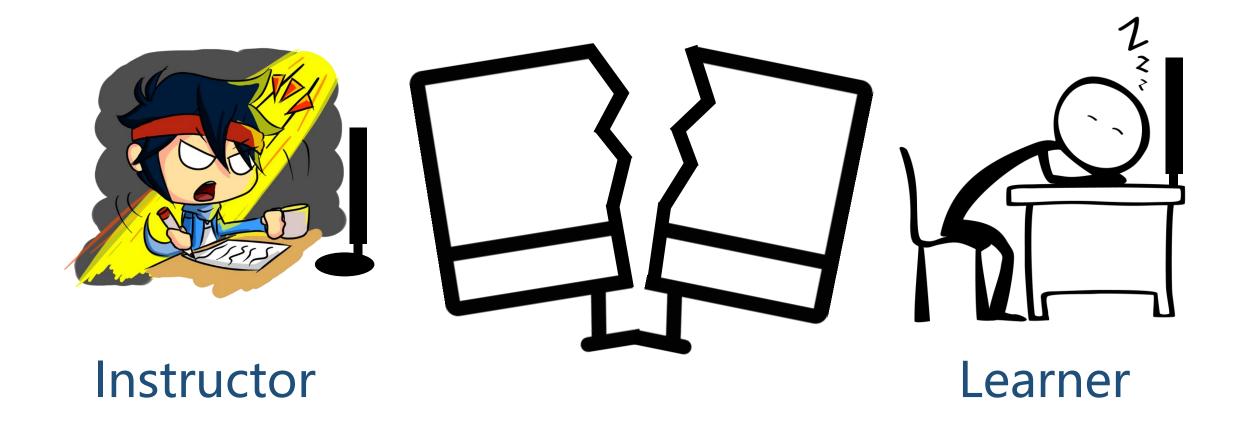




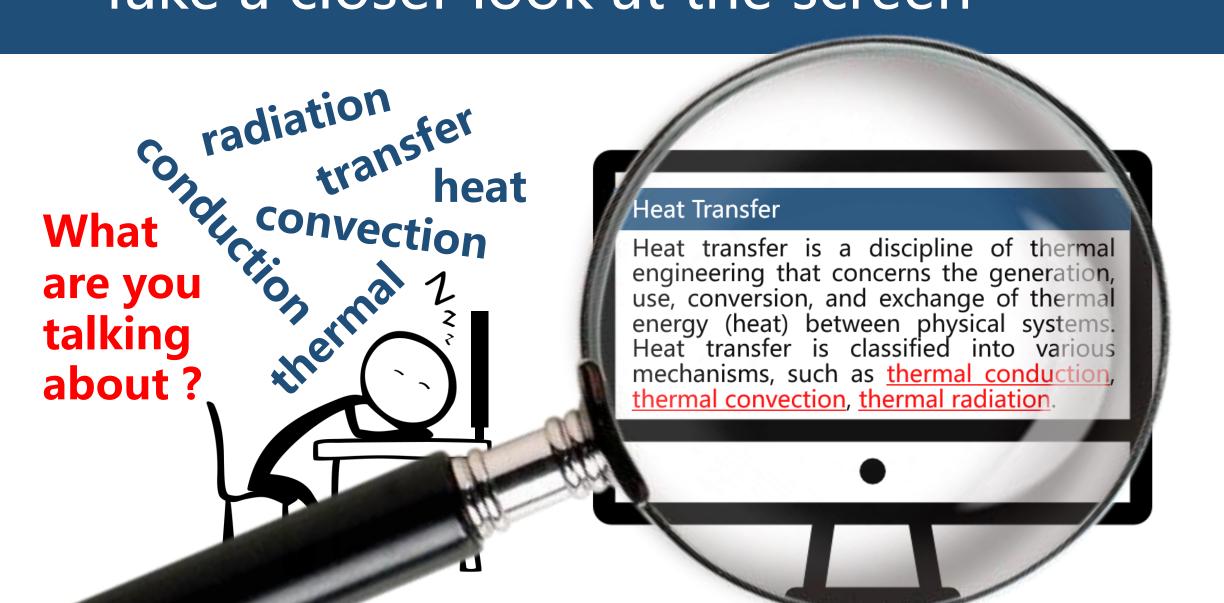


Learner

# A dream breaker



### Take a closer look at the screen

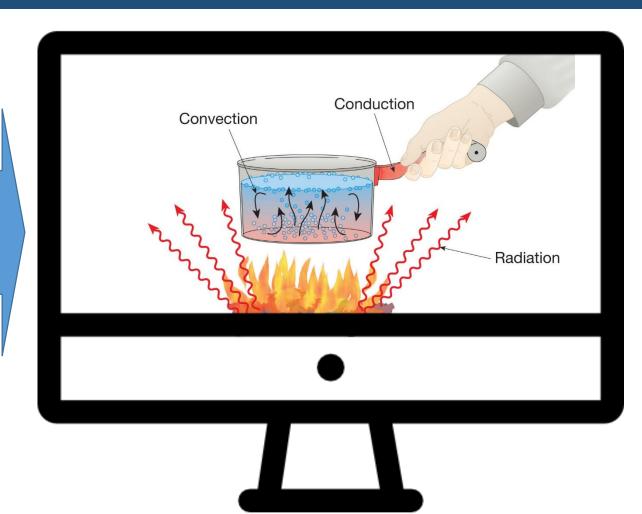


## Use a pic instead, visualization helps

#### **Heat Transfer**

Heat transfer is a discipline of thermal engineering that concerns the generation, use, conversion, and exchange of thermal energy (heat) between physical systems. Heat transfer is classified into various mechanisms, such as <a href="mailto:thermal">thermal conduction</a>, <a href=

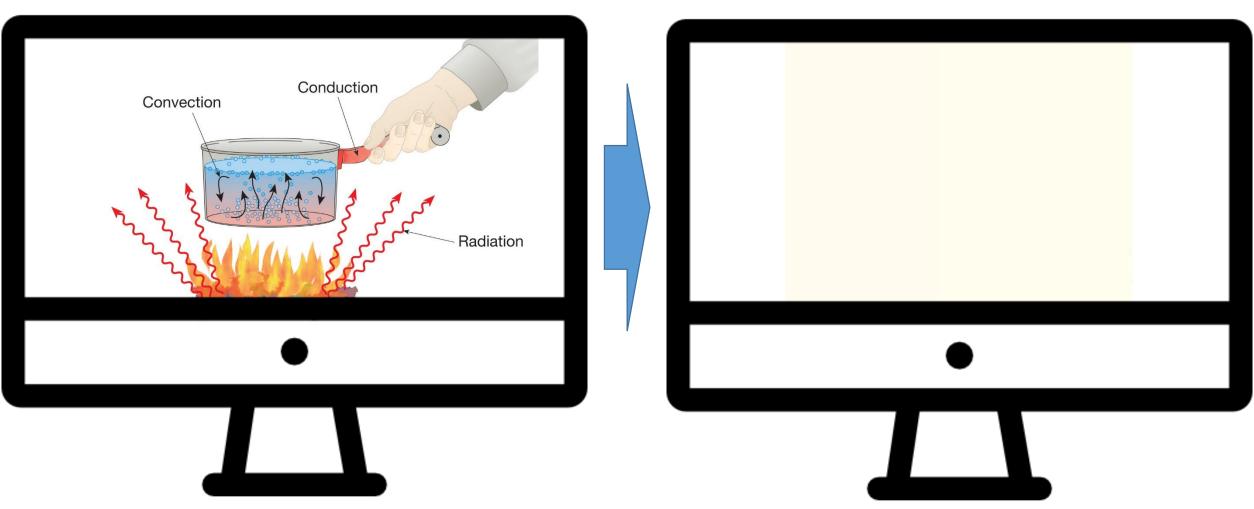




### Can we do more?



# Real-time visualization helps more



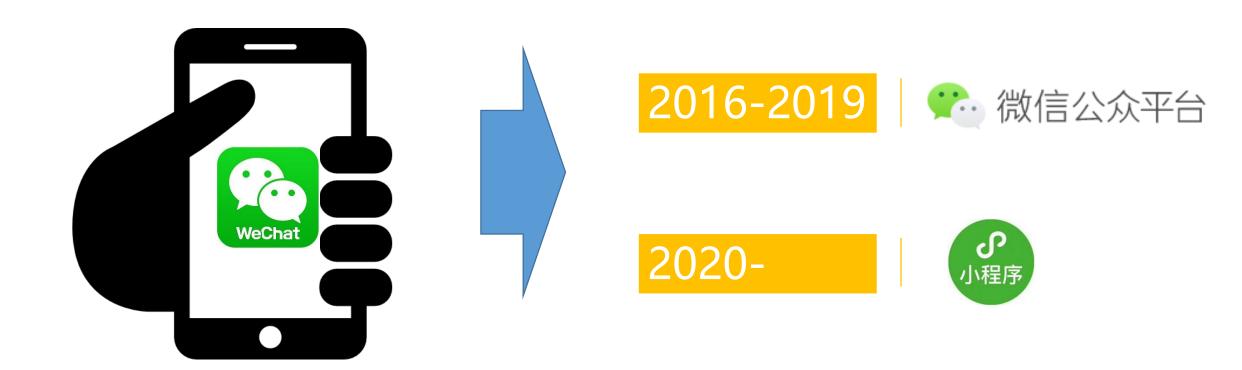
## Next question

Q1: How to effectively teach EM courses

Q2: How to evaluate the efficiency?



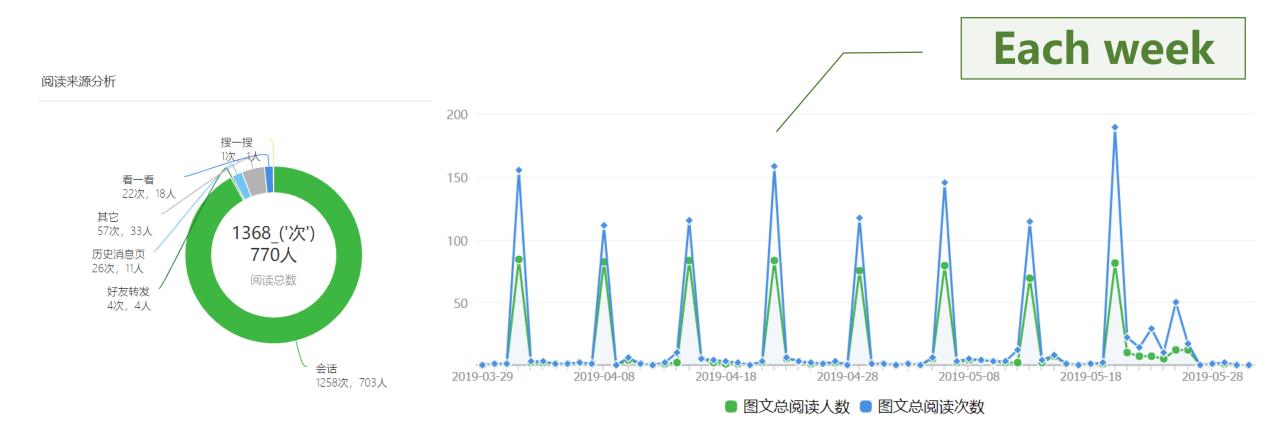
## Mobile phone as an indicator



## WeChat public platform



# Data analysis, and visualization helps



## But ... every coin has two sides



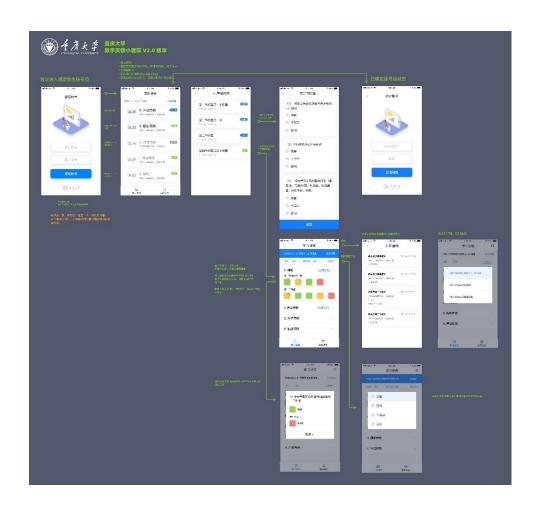
Easy use / General functions / Counter...

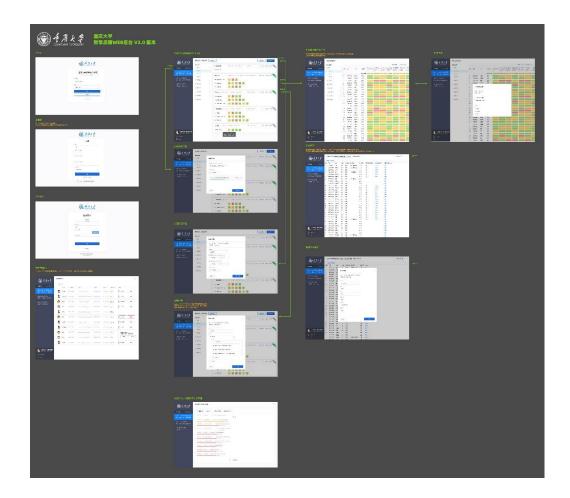


Teaching purpose / Specific functions / ...

Learning progress chart -Visualization

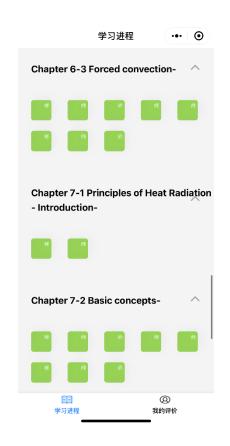
## Logical and Interface Design





## Mobile · Learner · Individual Learning Progress





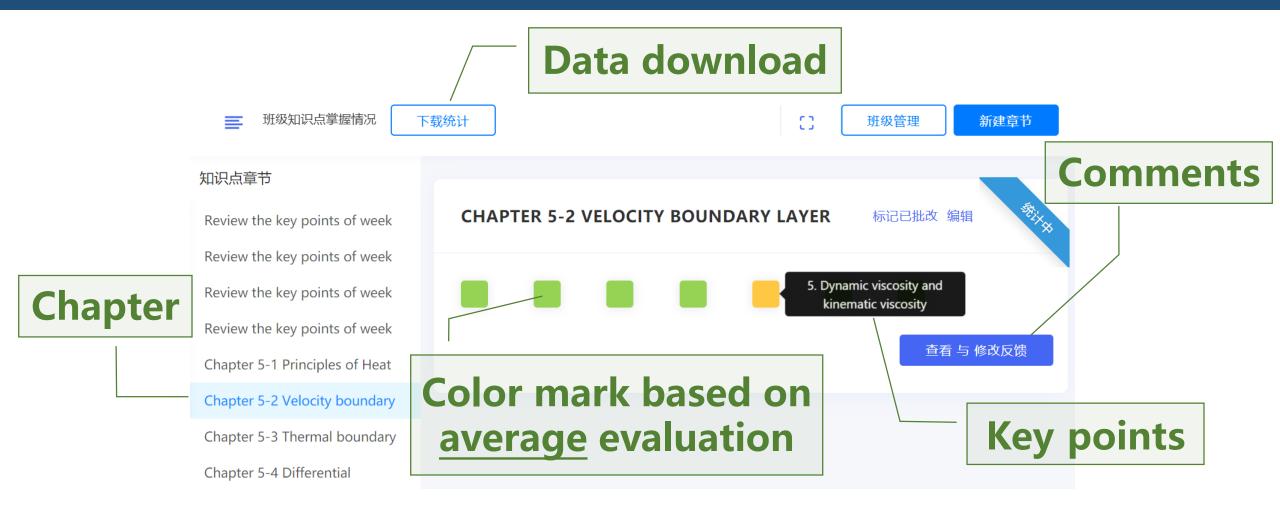


Log in

**Learning progress** 

Color mark based on individual evaluation

### Web · Instructor · Average Learning Progress



## Web · Instructor · Individual Learning Progress



### Conclusion

Q1: How to effectively teach EM courses?

Q2: How to evaluate the efficiency?

Visualization helps!



## Thank you for listening and for your patience





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### To Be Resourceful & Supportive

Dr Du Huizhen 杜慧贞 School of Journalism & Communication Guangdong University of Foreign Studies

### Challenges in online teaching

- My takeaway from The British Council's EMI training course:
   A Task is the magic that makes EMI teaching more student-centered.
- Challenge: Tasks previously designed are difficult to carry out in a virtual classroom
- Solution: To improvise, to be resourceful

# My survival techniques to improve online teaching

- 1. Adapting teaching content by adding global health communication, the case study of Covid-19
- 2. Designing topics for online discussion
- 3. Designing homework which requires more online research.
- 4. Sharing model homework to encourage peer learning.
- 5. Providing more feedback to students' homework
- 6. Making full use of alumni resources (such as interviewing them)
- 7. Getting more involved in students' activities.

### 1. Make your teaching more relevant

- 'Teach to the moment: React to immediate opportunities that arise during lessons' (Dr Jack Richards).
- Add global health communication: What role does communication play in the management of global health crises?
- Case study of Covid-19: Social distancing campaign

# 2. Online discussion: Use multimedia resources to trigger discussion



# 2. Online discussion: Visual aids for students to critique and compare

We stand together by standing apart

Social Distancing 2019 nCoV **Six Feet Away** Coronavirus **TRANSMISSION** Social distancing is advised because people release droplets that can spread the virus from their bodies People with the virus can spread it to others up to about 6 feet away. Most experts think that viruses spread mainly by droplets made when peop with the virus cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. A person also might get the virus by touching a surface or object that has a virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes Stop Shaking Hands Keep a 6' Distance Avoid Sick People Avoid Large Gathering



# 2. Online discussion: design topics to get everyone involved

Please write down your answers and share them in the QQ group chat.

- 1. What is your knowledge of coronavirus?
- 2. In what way have you changed your attitudes and behaviours regarding coronavirus?
- 3. What caused the changes?

when they go out. But with the popularity of personal Internet information and related knowledge in the TV media, the more comprehensive I know, the less fear I have. To the back is to deal with normal psychological state. Basic protection will be provided.

But here I want to give another example, my grandparents. Their performance is the opposite of mine. In the early stage of large-scale virus infection, they didn't care about it at all, didn't do a good job of basic protection when they went out, and even had dinner for many times. But with the family's popular science education and related knowledge acquired in the news media, their awareness of prevention has been improved. Reduce going out and put on masks.

- 1. The time and place of the outbreak, the uncertain source of the virus, the route of transmission of the virus, its transmission capacity, symptoms and preventive measures.
- 2. From calm to nervous, anxious to calm. In terms of behavior, it is gradually close to the contents of the propaganda, such as washing hands frequently and wearing masks.
- 3. I am mainly influenced by the media's propaganda and reports, as well as the public opinions on the Internet.

This coronavirus is a respiratory tract virus that is likely to come from animal origin. Symptoms include fever, sore throat, cough, phlegm and shortness of breath. The incubation period of the virus is 1-14 days. The virus is highly contagious and requires people to reduce their contact and collective activities.

At first, I thought the new coronavirus was just a small virus, not very transmissible, and limited to small areas. I didn't wear a mask or stop the party. But then I realized how serious it was, and I started buying masks and staying at home to reduce my travel.



# 3. Designing homework which requires more online research

#### Sample topics for homework

Week 1 Google / Bing "international communication" and Baidu "国际传播"

- Conduct content analysis of the first 10 pages of your search results.
- In what way has your understanding of IC been changed after your research?

Week 2: What are the typical problems in global health communication amid Covid-19? Please collect news headlines (Chinese and English) as evidence.

Week 9 Please select one company from the list (GAFAM, Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple, Microsoft)

- 1 A brief introduction of the Big Tech / Tech Giant 科技巨头.
- 2 Its presence (strategies and operations) in China
- 3 Any interesting /surprising findings?
- (Please use Baidu/Bing/Google to search for the company's basic information; visit their websites including the Chinese homepage; use databases if necessary)

# 4. Sharing model homework to encourage peer learning

- Allow students to explore and try different approaches to finish their homework
- Select model/example work to share as best practice
- "...it is important to recognize that peer learning is not a single practice. It covers a wide range of different activities each of which can be combined with others in different ways to suit the needs of a particular course."

---David Boud

### 5. Provide more feedback on students' homework

- Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of students' performance in doing homework
- 2. Create a checklist to help students reflect on and revise their homework
- 3. Offer online tutorial if necessary

#### **Example:**

#### For 1. A brief introduction of the global media conglomerate

- Have I used different search engines (Baidu / Bing / Google) to look up the introduction of the company?
- Have I visited the company's homepage? Is there a Chinese website?
- If there are different versions of the company's introduction, which one is more up-to-date and more authoritative?
- How can I use my own words to synthesize the basic information I have gathered about the company?

# 6. Making full use of alumni resources (such as interviewing them)

#### **Voices from the Industry:**

- 1. Please describe your job title, your typical working day.
- 2. What are the main attractions of this job? Any challenges?
- 3 What knowledge and skills from your undergraduate / postgraduate courses are helpful to your present job?

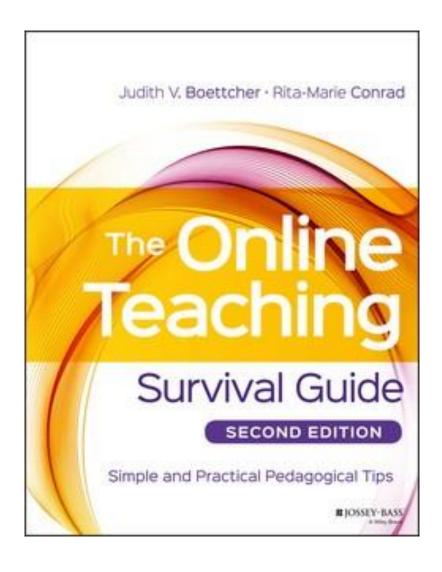
E.g., "I think my undergraduate at GDUFS laid a good foundation for my **English skill** and my postgraduate at HKU taught me the basic financial courses. Both of studies provided me the opportunity of being a professional financial reporter. Undergraduate courses--all the English courses and courses related to English news reporting or international news. Postgraduate courses--financial news and global economic journalism."

Venus Fung, a wealth reporter with Bloomberg News

### 7. Get more involved in students' activities

- Offer timely help to students who attend various contests, especially those that involve English skills and subject knowledge
- It is a great opportunity to see how students apply what they have learned in real life.
- It also helps sharpen the teachers' supervision skills.

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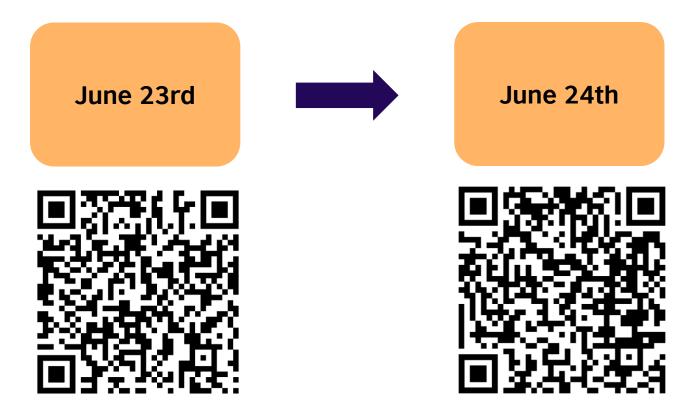
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### Closing

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### **Closing – Thank you**

Thank you very much for joining us on the Higher Education Community of Practice Webinar #2. We welcome you to complete our <u>online survey</u> after today's event.

Thank you to our speakers today!

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