

(Re)Learning to teach in the context of crises

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Face-to-face interaction is the dominant mode of teaching and learning in higher education despite the upsurge and development of technology-based platforms, programmes, management systems and learning portals. Up-take of modes to displace the dependence on contact teaching and learning has been slow or absent, even though higher education institutions have instituted development programmes, mentorships and resources for staff. However, the sudden, swift and deadly emergence of the Covid-19 virus has significantly changed attitudes and preferences and galvanised higher education practitioners towards technology-based, online teaching in unanticipated ways.

Furthermore, the State's response to Covid-19 has created, for the first time, a unique and common set of conditions that affect both students and lecturers: isolation, detachment, uncertainty, ambiguity and fear. It has also generated a common realisation that online teaching and learning offers solutions that ensure continuity and connectivity (with complications). Consequently, higher education has to engage in (re)learning to teach for this intense situation of abnormality. Indeed the training of higher education practitioners for the lockdown and shutdown period and the post Covid-19 era has increased dramatically and is being implemented in numerous ways that require deeper examination.

One domain that requires deeper examination is that while higher education feverishly attempts to maintain some semblance of normality in curriculum delivery by moving their offerings online, the impact of these approaches is yet to be scientifically evaluated and their pedagogic merits appraised. As we scramble to mitigate the effects of the 2020 'lockdown' by invoking the well intentioned discourse of online learning, we should consider whether we are dabbling in what Morris has labelled "Panic-gogy" (panic + pedagogy), rather than a fundamental re-appraisal of our pedagogies.

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