

This semester some Universities are welcoming faculty and students back to campus after a year of online learning





What have we learnt after a year of online professional development?





### **Our context**





- English-medium, research-led, large comprehensive university
- Extends across Hong Kong and Greater Bay Area
- 10 Faculties (~32,000 students)
- Student profile:
  - UG (76% local secondary schools)
  - o PG (41% from Mainland China)
- Staff profile:
  - Academic (~8,000)
  - o 52% professoriate staff



### Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL)

- Central unit enhance the quality of the teaching and learning
- Core activities:
  - professional development
  - programs (academic staff and research postgraduate students)
  - seminars, and workshops







## Challenging years (2019 - 2021)

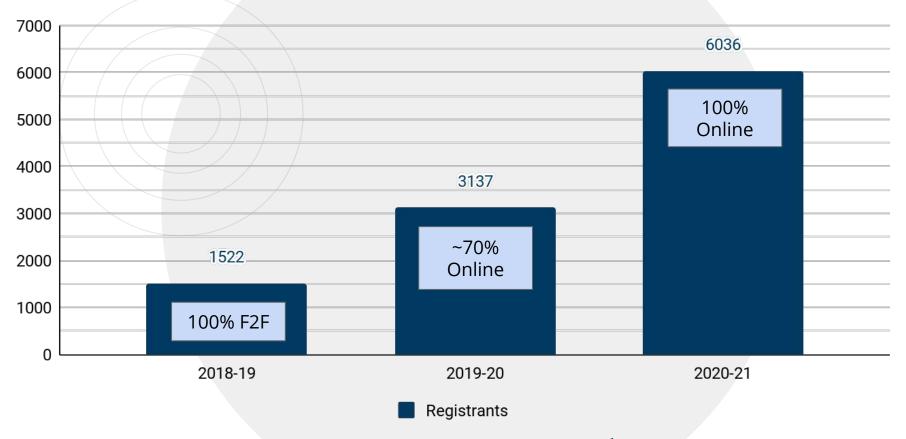
- Dec 2019 moved online (social unrest)
- Jan 2020 continued online (COVID-19)
- Sep 2020 started dual-mode/ hybrid (3 weeks only)
- Sep 2021 return to campus







#### Event registrations (2018 - 2021)





# The learning space (2018)



# Challenges of 2019–2021

- Limitation of fixed furniture
- Environmental factors
- Not built for dual/ hybrid/ hyflex



## The Project Team



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#### The remit

HKSAR showcase learning space





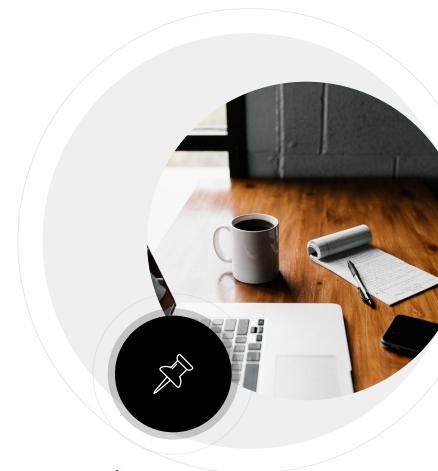
### Our goal

 To cater to future hybrid PD i.e., distributed over locations and modalities



# Our operating principles

- flat
- flexible
- interactive







### Agency

a spatially distributed practice that includes the larger material arrangements

(Barad 2007)



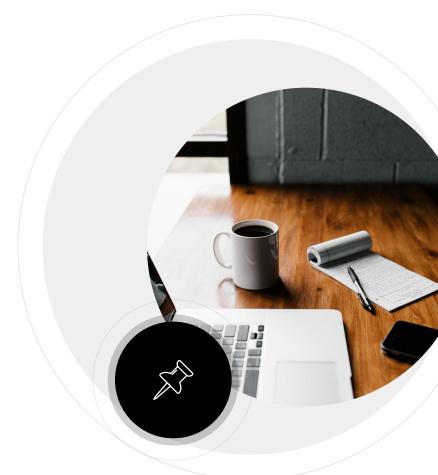




## Relational agency

a dynamic interaction between engaging with others' interpretations and the integration of these into your own decision-making.

(Arnesen, Arnesen & Elstad 2021)







New material agency

a relational dynamic between students, teachers and non-human phenomena

(Charteris and Smardon 2018)







# Learning spaces re-design



### **Modalities**

- Seminar/ Lecture Mode (Hybrid)
- Conference Mode
- Collaborative Mode (Hybrid)







# What is out there?













# What we imagine





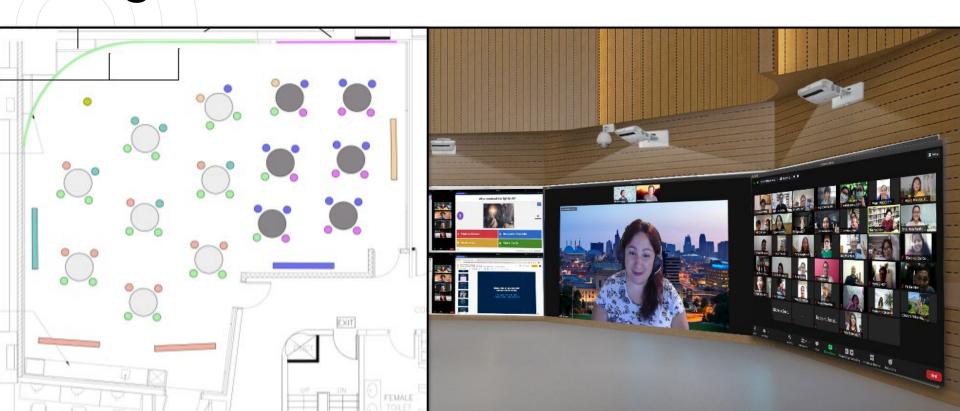




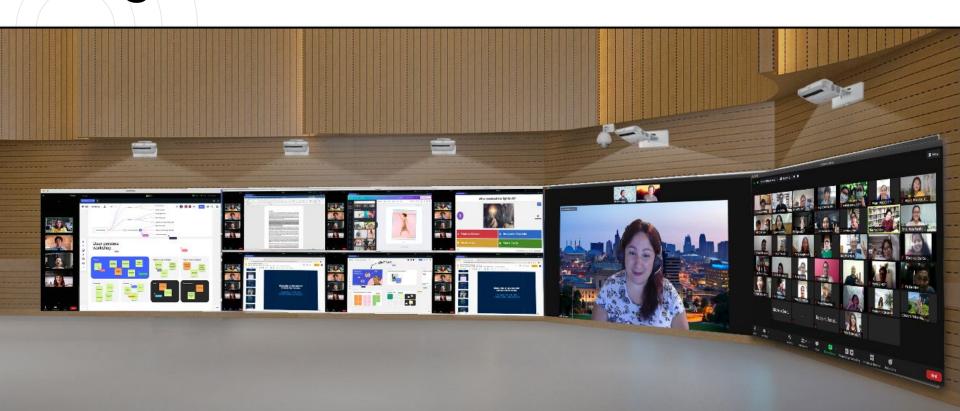




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# What's keeps me excited?

- New modes of teaching
- Experimenting with the space
- Sharing our progress











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