

VE for ALL – Chances and Challenges of VE in less developed areas

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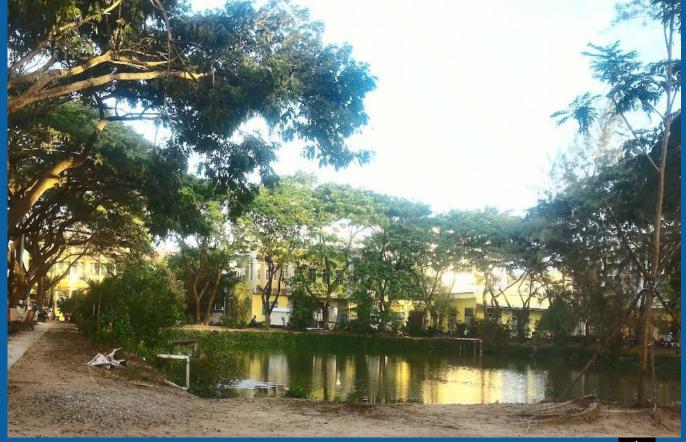
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Where I am from...



Tra Vinh University - Tra Vinh University

Mekong rural# South of Vietnam# EFL and EMI



My presentation includes..!



- Terms
- Backgrounds of VE COIL
- Survey on TVU teachers' readiness for VE COIL
- COIL and COIL Network (COIN)
- Teacher supporting strategies
- Student supporting strategies
- Call for collaborations

Terms: COIL and VE



COIL: Collaborative Online International Learning is a teaching model in which students working with international partners to do a project-based task as a part of the course.

VE: Virtual Exchange is an overarching term for various teaching and learning concepts in international online teaching (O'Dowd, 2018).

Backgrounds of VE – COIL in Vietnam Education



- VE COIL exists in practice as a therapy for ERT, extra-curricular activities, ...
- VE COIL is officially accepted and encouraged in some universities
- VE COIL is claimed to be part of strategic plan and competitive advantages of the institution prior the internationalization of education and EMI policy in Vietnam.

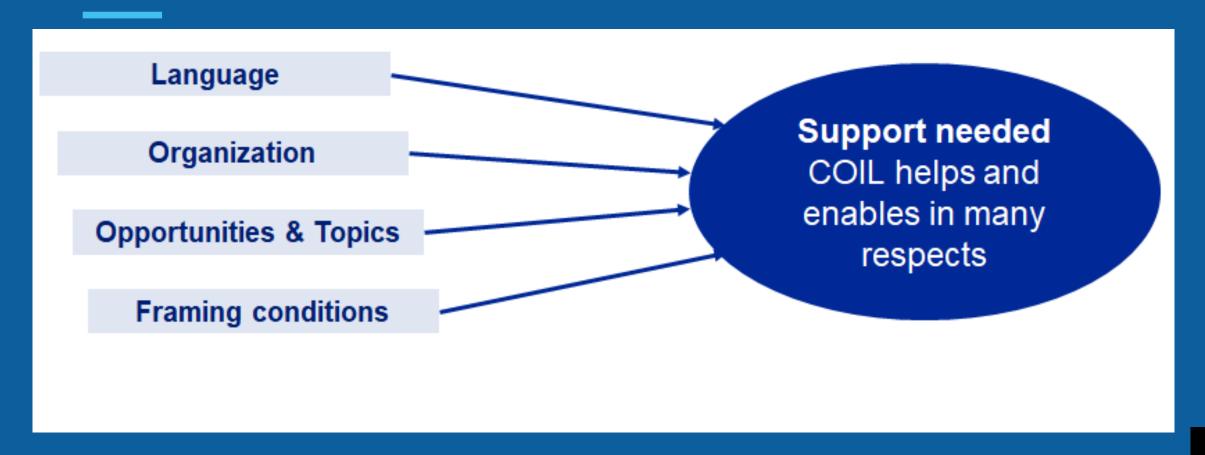
Main theses and Questions of participants



- COIL projects are feasible in TVU and will turn out beneficial. There exists a kernel of staff being experienced and interested.
- International collaboration comes along with lots of challenges.
 - Main challenges: Language, teaching methods, time, budget ...
- Many of these challenges could be addressed by means of COIL projects.
 - Positive effects expected on language, cultural understanding, methodology
- COIL itself needs preparation and support to come out successfully.
 - Providing information
 - Setting up organizational frame
 - Training and preparing courses

Challenges in International Collaboration





COIL Readiness at TVU: Encouraging Aspects

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I have sufficient time	2+11 = 13	19	16+7=23
I need pedagogical guidance for COIL	23+10= 33	15	4+4=8
I feel confident in conducting COIL in English	2+12=14	11	24+7=31
I feel confident in my own subject area to conduct COIL	4+15 = 19	18	13+7=20
TVU should establish policies to encourage COIL	28+5 = 33	18	2+1=3
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Enough resources available at TVU for COIL	15+10 = 25	25	4+1=5
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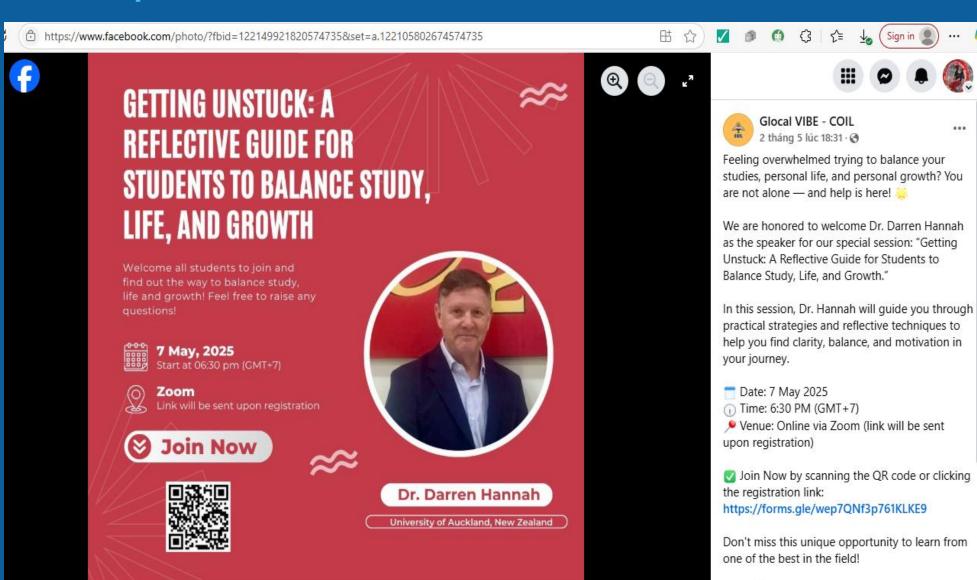
- COIL network proposed and established by TVU
 - 4 founding members and many other university members
 - English, similar time zone, cultural and cultural backgrounds
- COIN regular meetings focus on:
 - Orientation sessions
 - Teacher training
 - COIL network
 - Research (digital/ ICT/ communication/ intercultural/ multicultural/ teaching innovation/ project based/ student-centered/ ICC/ EMI/ SDGs, ...)
- COIL team/ COIL coordinator
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COIL and COIN in TVU

- VE Virtual Talks: 7 cross-cultural talks (twice in a month, hosted by different universities)
- Online team teaching: not meaningful social interaction among students; 10 periods synchronous meetings in each course.
- Semi COIL courses: 7 COIL courses
 - Writing comparative essay, Asia
 - Literature, comparing cultural values in the literature, Asia
 - Education, multicultural and multilingual classes, Asia
 - Literature, multicultural views on children literature, Asia
 - Cross- disciplines: on urban construction environment business, EU
 - ICC: Cross cultural views on group work, text-based COIL, EU
 - EFL Writing: International peer project for EFL major students



Example: VE-Virtual Talks

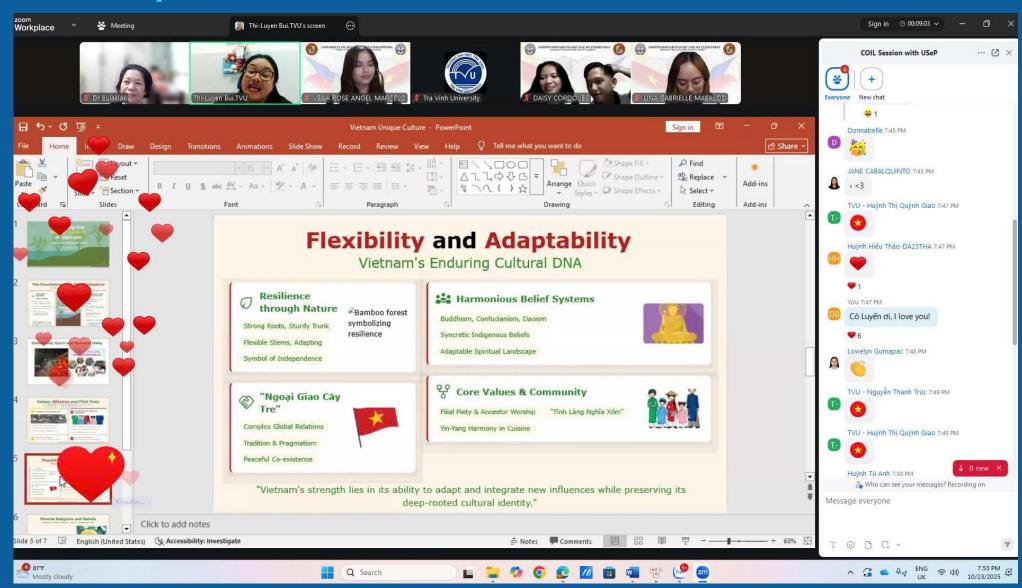


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Example - Coil – Literature class





Teacher supporting strategies



- Teacher training
- Establish COIL Network (COIN), between TVU and ASIAN partners
- TVU COIL VE policy: incentives
- COIL coordinator shouldering
- Flexi teaching schedule

Students supporting strategies



- ICC to COIL and ICC for COIL;
- Text-based COIL;
- Variety of synchronous interactions on social media;
- Matching students/ making friends before COIL (The "who" is important!)
- Encourage to speak but "silence" is the right.
- Facilities (headsets) by DAAD



Calls for collaborations

- Expanding COIN, sharing COIN data COIL with Asia
- ICC COIL-based courses (short course, about 2 synchronous meetings, 16-hour course)
- COIL VE researching (collaborative research and COIL conference in TVU in 2026.

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