Web Collaboration for Intercultural Language Learning

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A key teaching aim of today's language classroom concerns the development of intercultural communicative competence. The potential of elearning and web tools to facilitate this kind of learning has become of increased interest for language teachers.

This book discusses the method of web collaboration and presents an e-learning approach which puts the focus on authentic and interactive intercultural language learning.

The book Web Collaboration for Intercultural Language Learning draws on the research, experience and insights gained from the European project icEurope. It is meant as a guide for current and future language teachers who want to explore Moodle or other e-learning platforms and internet tools for web collaboration activities in their classrooms. Particular emphasis is on a comprehensive approach to the use of English as a lingua franca in online language teaching across cultures.

The book contains:

- an introduction to intercultural language learning and the web collaboration approach;
- an overview of the e-learning platform Moodle and the web tools it provides for online communication and collaboration;
- practical advice, tips and a step-by-step guide for designing and implementing web collaboration activities from an intercultural-communicative perspective;
- suggestions for guiding and supporting learners during their offline and online web collaboration work.

Many additional tools, checklists, sample units, ideas and resources are available through the accompanying Online Resource Area.

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