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Investigating Informal Learning in the Age of Technology

Message from the Guest Editors

Informal learning can take place consciously or unconsciously in all areas of life and in all phases of life. There are numerous studies on learning in the process of work in particular, but also on informal learning in the family, in peer groups or in voluntary work. Digital technologies are dramatically expanding the possibilities and presumably also the necessity of informal learning. The omnipresence of digitally networked technologies enables access to knowledge and information largely independent of time and place and at the same time poses new challenges, e.g. with regard to the examination and evaluation of available content. This special issue deals with the possibilities, requirements and limits of informal learning with, about and in relation to digital technologies. In particular, the use of artificial intelligence, the handling of privacy and data protection aspects as well as the question of the limits of informal learning could be considered here. However, contributions on other issues in this subject area are also very welcome.

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