Designing Ethical Assessment

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Outline of the presentation

1. Research process that led to EEF
2. Introducing Ethical Evaluation Framework (EEF) for edtech
3. Application of EEF to evaluate the use of online proctoring tools
4. Strategies for designing ethical assessment
Process of developing the Ethics Evaluation Framework for edtech

- Internal survey
- Workshop in late Spring 2020
- Workshop in Winter 2020
- Ongoing literature review
Ethics Evaluation Framework for educational technologies

- **ethical design and use of edtech**
  - pedagogical purpose
  - design and evaluation

- **ethical use of data from edtech**
  - access to data and analytics
  - use of data and analytics

- **contextual ethical considerations related to edtech**
  - suppliers of edtech
  - use/uptake: digital divide/poverty

- **ethical educational research of edtech or SoTL**
  - remit of usage of data/analytics
  - dual role: educator and researcher

*SoTL: Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

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Analysing the online proctoring by applying EEF

- Ethical design and use?
  - to replace face-to-face proctoring
  - biometrics (e.g. facial recognition)

- Ethical use of data?
  - data access: supplier and institution
  - use of data to check cheating

- Contextual ethical considerations?
  - suppliers of proctoring
  - costs for the student

- Ethical educational research or SoTL?
  - educators’ queries on use of data
  - intrusion of privacy; surveillance
### Strategies for designing Ethical Assessment

#### Design (educators)
- modelling ethical behaviour
- not recycling assessment
- quizzes or exams with variants
- low-stakes summative assessment
- authentic assessment

#### Guidance (educators)
- higher-level LOs*
- fair and clear assessment criteria
- expectations of ethical behaviour
- fostering academic integrity

#### Reflection (students)
- self-reflection (e.g. blog)
- enable collaboration
- build the capacity to judge one’s own work & that of others
- implications of academic misconduct

#### SoTL (educators)
- avoid use of online proctoring
- ongoing reflective practice of educators
- awareness of (changing) real-world practice

*LOs: Learning Outcomes


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