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# ePortfolios

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## ePortfolio · Was? Warum? Wie?

„ePortfolio“ ist ein Thema, das verstkt an Hochschule und Universitt wahrgenommen und kontrovers diskutiert wird. Aber auch an Schulen und in der Berufsaus- bzw. -weiterbildung tauchen die drei o.g. genannten Fragen auf, wenn sich Bildungseinrichtungen mit dem ePortfolio als Herausforderung an Curriculums- und Organisationsentwicklung konfrontiert sehen. Einerseits wurde die Notwendigkeit fr schriftlich fixierte Reflexion als Bezugspunkt fr dialogisches Arbeiten und Grundlage fr vertieftes, nachhaltiges Lernen und ganzheitliches Bewerten lngst erkannt. Andererseits wird gerade im Zusammenhang mit der elektronischen Variante des Portfolios vor dem „Glern Werden“ von Lernenden und Lehrenden gewarnt: Lehrer/innen vermuten Willkr im Umgang mit den Daten seitens der Schulbehrde, Eltern befchten langfristig wirkende Stigmatisierung ihrer Kinder. Dozierende fordern die Bewahrung der Lehrfreiheit ein. Studierende schlielich wiederholen die Befchtungen ihrer Eltern. Und ´berhaupt stellen sich alle Beteiligten immer wieder diese Frage: *Wem gehrt eigentlich ein solches ePortfolio?* Einig ist man sich aber auch in diesem Punkt: Portfolios ´berhaupt und ePortfolios insbesondere produzierten viel Arbeit und hohe Kosten - bei deren Implementierung an einer Bildungseinrichtung sowieso, aber vor allem bei deren Verfertigung, Begleitung, Kommentierung und Bewertung.

Dabei wird leider ´bersehen, dass ePortfolios durch das ihnen immanente Element des reflexiven und dialogischen Handelns wesentlich dazu beitragen knnen, sinnvoll an den sich immer stker digitalisierten Alltag der Schler/innen, Studierenden und Aus- bzw. Weiterzubildenden anzuknpfen und die dort gesammelten Erfahrungen produktiv werden zu lassen fr ein sich erneuerndes Lehren und Lernen in Schule, Hochschule und Beruf. Vergleichsarbeiten oder das Zentralabitur in der Schule, eine hauptschlich auf Klausuren basierende Modularisierung im Studium oder eine Multiple-Choice-Testkultur in der beruflichen Aus- und Weiterbildung – das sind Wege, die ganz bestimmt nicht ausreichen werden, um die Menschen angemessen auf die Herausforderungen der Wissensgesellschaft im 21. Jahrhundert vorzubereiten. Was dringender denn je benigt wird, ist ein Arbeitsmittel und -medium, mit dem Lehre, Lernen und (Hoch-) Schulentwicklung im Rahmen von Lerner- und Praxisgemeinschaften auf persnlich bedeutsame Weise immer wieder neu ausgehandelt werden kann. Seien Sie recht herzlich eingeladen, gemeinsam im Rahmen dieses Workshops zu ergrnden, inwieweit ePortfolios fr diese dringliche Aufgabe genutzt werden knnen.

Gerd Bruer (Schreibzentrum, Pagogische Hochschule Freiburg)  
Freiburg, im November 2011

## ePortfolio · What? Why? How?

Over the past few years, ePortfolios have gained growing recognition, but also raised dispute in European higher education. In addition, the three questions mentioned in the title are also being asked in secondary education and vocational training whenever schools see themselves being confronted with ePortfolio as a challenge toward curriculum and institutional development. One the one hand, students, parents, teaching faculty and administrators seem to understand better than ever the necessity of reflective writing as an important point of orientation for dialogic inquiry, deep learning, and holistic assessment. On the other hand, many of the same people see their privacy being jeopardized by ePortfolios: Teachers fear an abuse of data by the school administration. Parents are concerned about a subtle stigmatization of their children. College instructors call upon the protection of academic freedom. High school and college students tend to repeat their parents' arguments. On top of all this anxiety, the question of *Who actually owns the ePortfolio?* is being discussed widely and with growing intensity. And there is another aspect where people seem to argue on the same wavelength: Portfolios in general and ePortfolios in specific cause a lot of extra work and extra costs when being implemented in an organization.

In this sometimes rather hostile discussion, the actual educational potential of ePortfolios is often being ignored. ePortfolios can be applied as both starting point and container for integrating the many different digital communicative practices that are wide-spread among high school and college students and, more often than ever before, also by adult learners in the professions. These digital modes of informal learning need to be integrated more strongly in the organizational settings of formal learning in order to make better use of the rich resources of learning outside of school. Newly established forms of assessment in the German-speaking countries, such as state-wide and federal high school exams, exam-driven BA and MA programs, and multiple-choice tests en masse in vocational education don't seem to be the right answer to the complex challenges of a knowledge-driven society. What we need today are tools and modes of learning that enable everyone involved to negotiate ever and anon content and means of learning and instruction to ensure meaningfulness and depth of gained experience and knowledge. Please feel free to explore during this international workshop the potential of ePortfolios to serve this important goal mentioned above.

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Freiburg, November 2011

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**FRIDAY, 2-3 PM (in front of KG 5/103)**

- Registration, tee, coffee, water, juice
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**Friday, 3-3:15 PM (KG 5/103)**

- Welcome and Introductory remarks  
Gerd Bräuer, The Writing Center, University of Education, Freiburg
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**Friday, 3:15-4:45 PM (KG 5/103)**

- Keynote: Conversation by Trent Batson (USA) and Janet Strivens (UK)  
“Why portfolio? Why ePortfolio?”  
moderated by Gerd Bräuer (Freiburg)



**Friday, 4:45-5 PM (in front of KG 5/103)**

- Break: tee, coffee, prezels, water, juice

## Friday, 5-5:45 PM (KG 5/103)

Poster Market, Pecha Kucha, Open Space

### Contributors (Posters/Pecha Kucha)

- Martin Hoffmann, Andrea Christen (Switzerland)
- Beth Klingner, Samantha Egan, Linda Anstendig (USA)
- Stefan Keller (Switzerland), Gerd Bräuer (Germany)
- Kristine Hoeppner (New Zealand)
- Nadine Scholz (Germany)
- Alison Miller (Australia)
- Ursula Mulley (Austria)

- Inform yourself about the Saturday workshops. Last chance to sign up!
- On your own or with peers: Define your personal goals for Friday/Saturday.
- Leave your questions so far on the flip charts in the Open Space. Share your expertise by answering questions on the flip charts as well.
- The next Open Space session will be on Saturday, 12-12:45 PM.

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## Friday, 5:45-7:15 (locations see below)

Workshops, part 1

- Workshop A: Skype seminar with Helen Barrett (USA) (KG 5/103)  
"Balancing the Two Faces of ePortfolios"
- Workshop B: LiveText, Katie Kalmus (USA) (KG 5/104)

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## Friday, 7:30 PM

- Dinner at "Ouzeria"  
(across the college, 100 meters south, on your left, see map on the back)
- sponsored by Foliotek (USA)

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## **SATURDAY, 8:30 AM (in front of KG 5/103)**

- Day registration open, coffee and tee
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## **Saturday, 9-10 AM, (KG 5/103)**

- Keynote: Klaus Himschl-Gutermann (Austria)  
“Strategien zur Implementierung von E-Portfolios an Hochschulen”
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## **Saturday, 10-10:30 AM (in front of KG 5/103)**

- Break: coffee, tee, water, juice, fruits, croissants
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## **Saturday, 10:30 AM-12 Noon (locations see below)**

Workshops, part 2: ePortfolios in early/primary/secondary education

- Workshop A: Wolfgang Helmeth (Germany)/Serge Ravet (France) (**KG 5/104**)  
“ePortfolio: individualisation of learning or individuation through learning?”
  - Workshop B: Heinz Krettek (Germany) (**KG 5/103**)  
“Überblick zu Arten und Nutzungsweisen von E-Portfolios”
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## **Saturday, 12 noon-12:45 PM (KG 5/103)**

Pecha Kucha and poster market and Open Space are now accessible again:

- Please reflect privately or with your peers on your insights so far.
  - Leave your answers and new questions on the flip charts.
  - We will further discuss your notes on the flip charts  
in our closing session at 5:15 PM.
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## **Saturday, 12:45-1:45 PM (in front of KG 5/103)**

- Lunch served by Maria Mocellin, organic catering, Freiburg  
**sponsored by LiveText (USA)**



## Saturday, 1:45-3:15 PM (locations see below)

Workshops, part 3: ePortfolios in secondary and college education

- Workshop A: Foliotek, Geoff Leigh (USA) (**KG 5/103**)  
"Portfolio as a teaching tool to gather, store and report"
  - Workshop B: ZEN Portfolios, Cyri Jones (Canada) (**KG 5/104**)  
"e-Portfolios, Group Collaboration & Social Networks"
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## Saturday, 3:15-3:30 PM (in front of KG 5/103)

- Break: coffee, tee, water, juice, fruits, cake
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## Saturday, 3:30-5 PM (locations see below)

Workshops, part 4: ePortfolios in college, professional education and the professions

- Workshop A: Beth Nicolls/Shane Roadnight (United Kingdom) (**KG 5/103**)  
"Google sites ePortfolio for professional training (health)"
  - Workshop B: Dominik Fankhauser (Switzerland) (**KG 5/104**)  
"ePortfolios als verbindendes Element in der dualen Berufsbildung"
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## Saturday, 5:15-6 PM (**KG 5/103**)

- Closing podium discussion, moderated by Gerd Bräuer (Freiburg)  
"ePortfolios - Facilitating transitions in lifelong learning"

### Contributors

- Serge Ravet (France)
- Heinz Krettek (Germany)
- Dominik Fankhauser (Switzerland)
- Geoff Leigh (USA)

## Saturday, 6-6:30 PM (in front of KG 5/103)

- Farewell apero

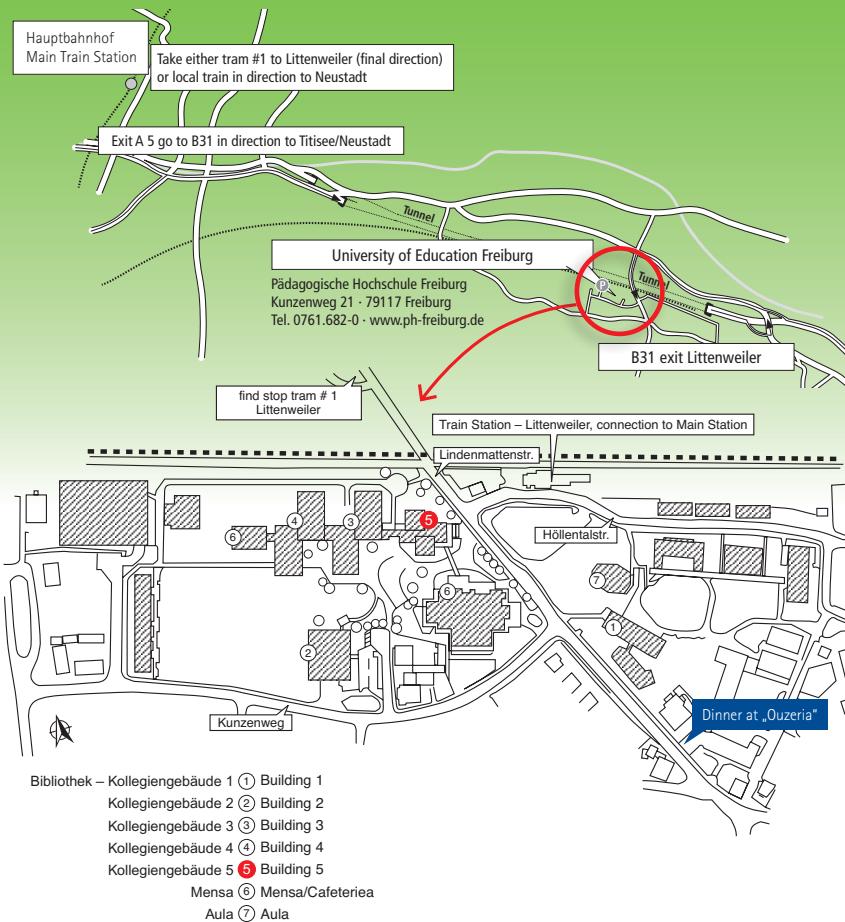
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