

Too real 2B virtual?

VIU community facing the emergency

We are not dead!

Friday 20th of March at 5pm (Venice time), the traditional TEA2B is back, for an all new semester, full of plot twist. Due to the exceptional circumstances, we will meet on this wonderful product of modern technology aka. Webex. But that's not all: the creation of blog is in progress and will be exclusively presented; on your screens soon!

For this occasion, the TEA2b will be renamed: **TEA2Bvirtual**.

Virtual classes, virtual Tea2B, virtual life, virtual reality? Our first meeting's topic will be about this sudden virtual and technological change that solicit our more genuine adaptative skilled. The following point will be discussed:

- First of all, it will be the occasion for our to informally share our online experience: the good, the bad and even the awkward.
- Then, we will discuss about the future of the future of VIU global virtual community life and introduce you to the new blog, as a network to reunite students and professors, decrease the physical, but also cultural distance and a platform to share information, skills, mindset. It will also be the opportunity for you to participate in its development and share some ideas or wishes about it.
- Finally, theses virtual classes make us realize how technology is more and more embedded with our everyday life. In addition of the huge possibilities for humankind, it also adds complex ethical and philosophical dilemmas. In this context that may stimulate our imagination, we could ask ourselves the question of this format as the future education system, as the beginning of a global virtual university? How will inevitable "process" already take possession of our everyday and may be in our future life? Due limited amount of resources on earth, some other scholars and thinkers temper these passionate fantasies and present our generation as the last to use such powerful tools.

Between utopia and dystopia, anxiety and excitement, real and virtual, for better and for worse, we are impatiently waiting for your augmented self on Friday.

Last important thing: during the whole discussion, the game will be to not pronounce the c-word virus! (But spoiler alert: it will be the topic of our next week's meeting)