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## Public Lecture

# Virtual Worlds for foreign language learning, affordances & critical issues

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The aim of this lecture is to introduce the virtual world of Second Life (SL) as an environment for teaching and learning foreign languages. It will commence with a short introduction to the different uses of virtual worlds in education. It will then demonstrate material and data collected during the author's years spent designing, developing and running courses of Italian as a Foreign Language for her students in the Dublin Institute of Technology.

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