

KOLT Brunch Workshop

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Figen Ecer MA

“Başarılı olmak için
sevdiğiniz mesleği seçin.
Başarıda meslek sevgisinin
çok büyük rolü vardır.”

Vehbi Koç



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Concise Biography

- was born in İstanbul in 1968
- grew up in Germany between 1970-1993
- MA in English/American Lit.&Political Sciences graduated in 1993 (Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf)
- Acquired proficiency in 3 foreign languages (German, English and French) and 3 cultures

Famous Quotations about Languages

Yabancı Diller Hakkında Ünlü Sözler

- Whoever is not acquainted with a foreign language knows nothing of his own.
(J.W.Goethe)
- To have another language is to possess a second soul.
(Charlemagne)
- A different language is a different vision of life.
(Frederico Fellini)
- Bir dil, bir insan. İki dil, iki insan.
(Türkçe deyim)
- If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.
If you talk to him in his language that goes to his heart.
(Nelson Mandela)

The Multiple Benefits of Language Education

Cultural/personal/economic/political/educational

Yabancı Dil Eğitiminin Yararları

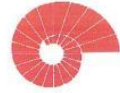


Teaching History at Koç

- German courses at all levels since 1993
- 23 rd academic year at Koç
- About 170 sections
- was Coordinator of Foreign Languages twice
- Advisor of the German Club for years

First Day of Classes

- introduce myself to students
- students introduce themselves to class
- name tags /classplan to learn names in 2 weeks
- syllabus
- Introduction to (textbook & manual)
- European Framework for Foreign Languages
- Advice: go to upper levels than stay for the sake of good grades



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**ZUSAMMENGESTELLT VON
FİGEN ECER SENNAROĞLU**

Preparedness for Classes

- mostly overprepared
- Outline for each lesson
 - lecture=30 min
 - partner-,or group work=15 min
 - individual work (exercises)=20 min.
 - discussion, conversation, games=10 min

TOTAL: 75 minutes

Communicative Method



Shopping: Clothes



In the Supermarket







My Way of Teaching

- always 100 % the way I am
- fun in teaching
- well tempered and kind
- positive and smile 😊
- patient
- well prepared to classes
- respecting students as individuals and adults
- punctual to classes
- trying not to be monotonous as instructor and person
- care for myself (neat hair and clothes)
- critical of my own teaching (can suddenly change pace, contents according to students needs)
- try to be in sync with class (always check whether they understood or have questions)
- anecdotes from own life (private, studies at university in Germany, professional life)

Classroom Conditions

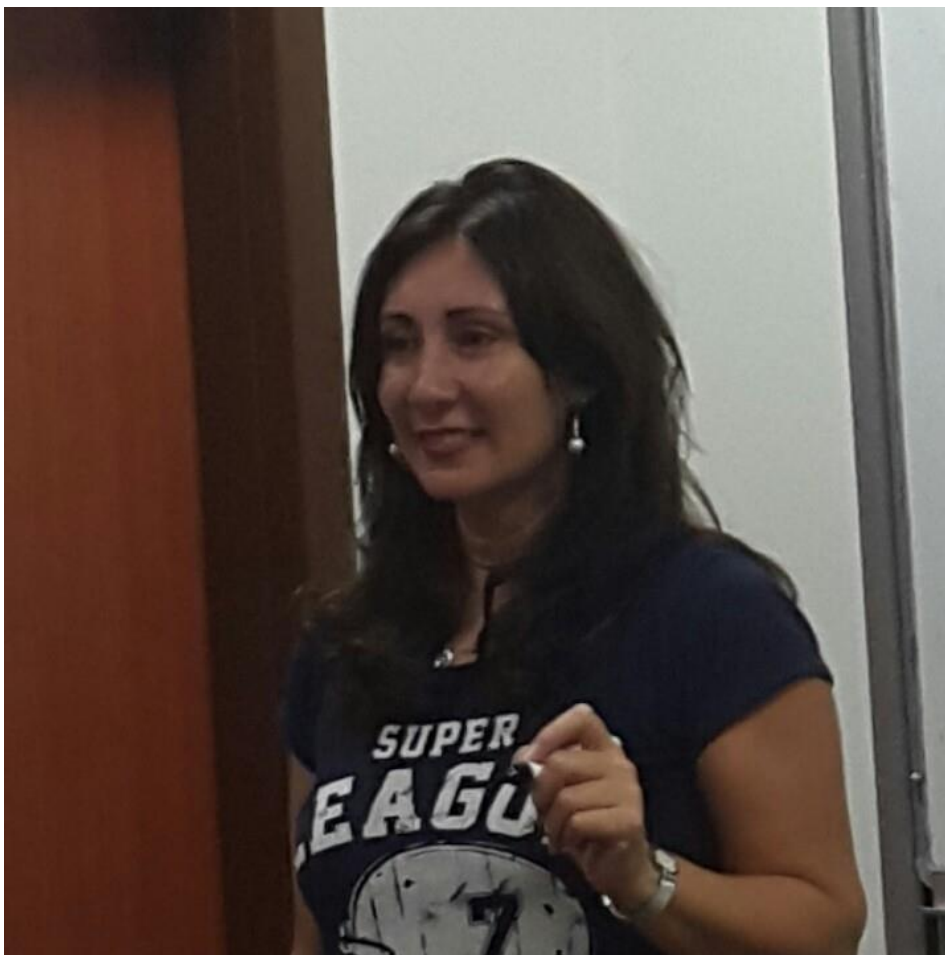
- classrooms matter for efficient teaching/learning process
- bad classrooms no handicap for experienced instructors but take enormous and unnecessary effort and energy from us



Student Motivation

- smile and encourage
- include all students
- shy and hesitant students need more attention and motivation
- try to keep a balance in class
- calm down over-eager students and participators in class
- try to be reachable for students outside classes
respond to e-mails even if it is week-end 😊

Smile and Encourage



Don't be monotonous 😊



Use of Technology in Class

- very little use of technology or multi-media (10%)
- input of class and myself (90%)
- cell phones not forbidden in class because of potential urgent calls

however 98 or even 100 % don't look at their handys during classes

try to keep students' attention for 75 minutes



Teaching & Learning Symbiosis

- we also learn from our students
- every criticism or proposal on part of students teaches us sth.
- Sometimes students/class determine pace and contents of class
- we should stay updated, revise our methods and materials and attend workshops/ conferences
- Have to stay lifelong students/learners ourselves



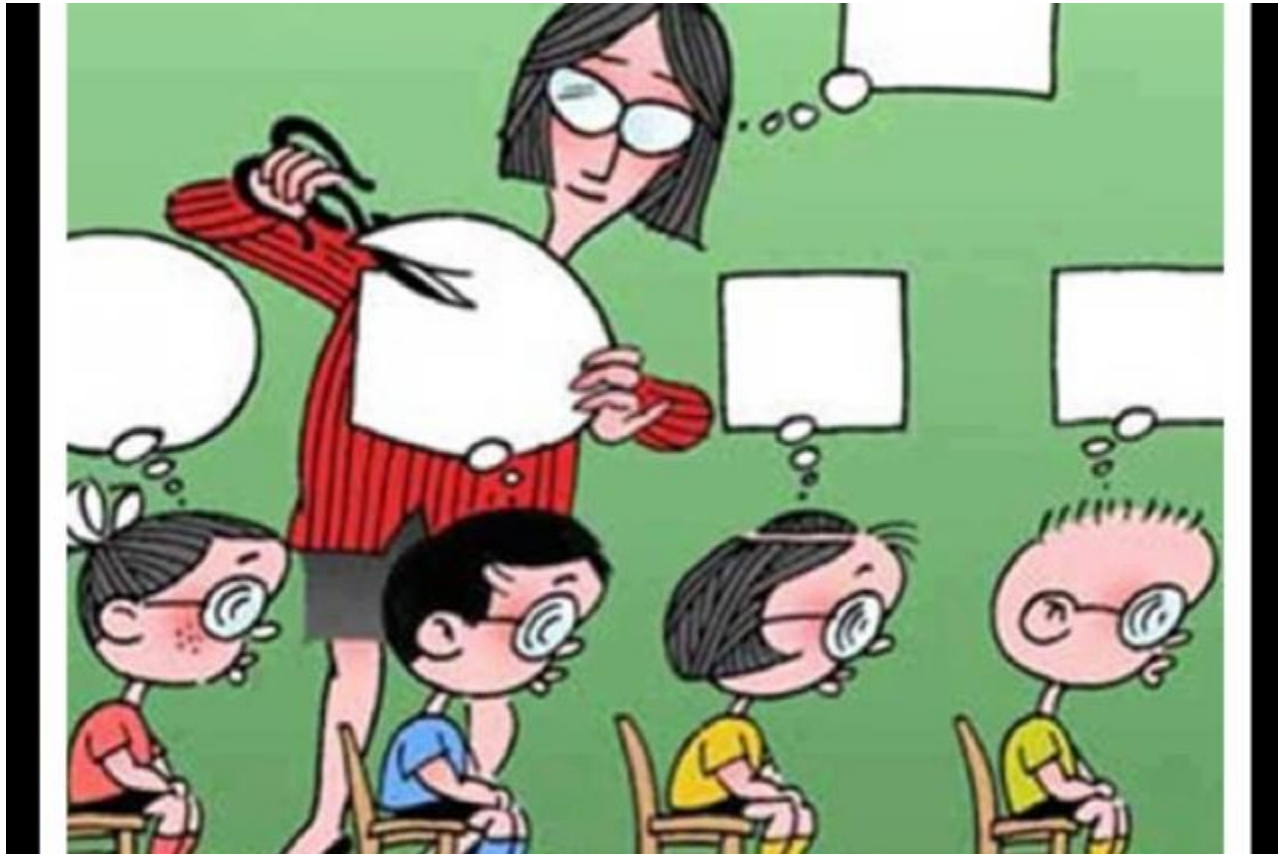
Workshop and Conference @ Essen-Duisburg University 2015



Teaching Should be

- interesting
- enjoyable
- engaging
- fun
- informative
- challenging
- long lasting in students' memories

Our teaching should encourage students to be **CRITICAL** learners



Type of Professor/Instructor Students wish to have

- who loves his/her job
- is always positive and smiling
- has low ego (who is not haughty or fierceful)
- students don't want to be scared to ask questions
- who respects and understands his/her students
- motivates students
- who is humorous and can take humour and criticism
- is patient with student responses
- who teaches in an enjoyable and captivating way
- who doesn't stick to rigid rules
- who doesn't make fun of his/her students
- who doesn't believe that the more difficult he/she makes the course the better prof. he/she is.

Teaching

- is not a profession but a passion
- love learning
- love teaching
- love your students
- Touch students' souls

Encourage

Allow criticism

Challenge

Hardworking

Interesting

Not monotonous

Generous

**sevdiđin iŖi yaparsan
ömrün boyunca
çalışmazsın!**

- konfüçyüs -



According to Mark Twain German is very difficult to learn

“Die deutsche Sprache sollte sanft und ehrfurchtsvoll zu den toten Sprachen abgelegt werden, denn nur die Toten haben die Zeit, diese Sprache zu lernen.“



Mark Twain (1835 -1910)

“The German language ought to be gently and reverently set aside among the dead languages, for only the dead have time to learn it. “

