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How (not) to teach politics with technology: towards a new form of civic engagement?

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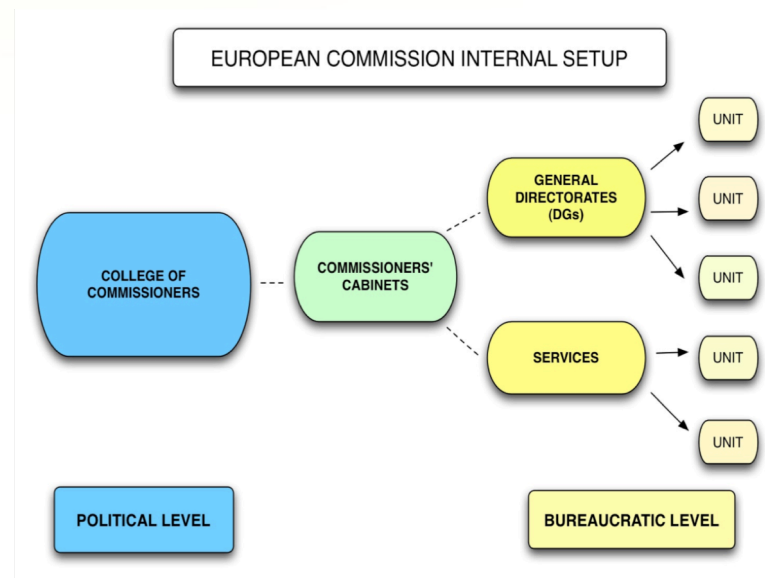
A different form of representation

Information overload?



Do not replicate the text!

Use technology for a different form of representation



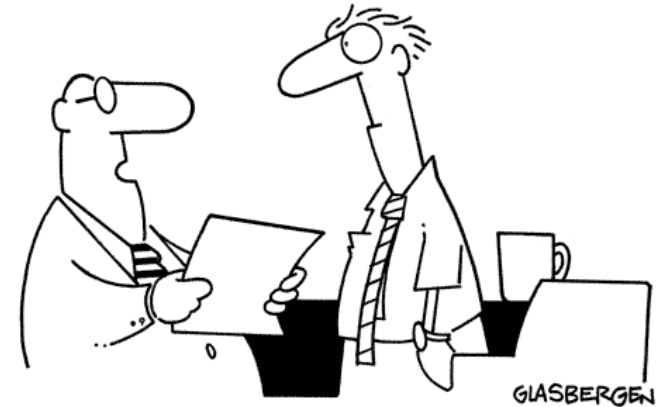
A different way of learning

Teaching & learning
in a traditional/
linear way?

Do not imitate books!

Use technology for learning in non-linear
environments

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"I want you to find a bold and innovative way to do everything exactly the same way it's been done for 25 years."



Different teaching methods

Using new technologies with old pedagogical methods?



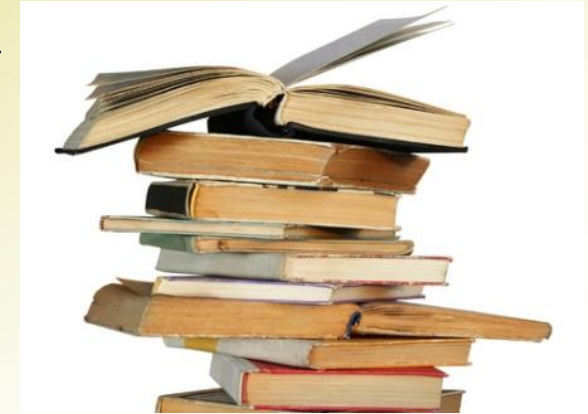
Think again!

Use technology to facilitate active learning methods



A different focus

Teaching = focusing exclusively on knowledge?



Try to put the knowledge in context!

Use technology to help students develop skills (critical thinking, digital literacy)



"MY TERM PAPER HAS HYPERTEXT LINKS, FULL-SCREEN VIDEO CLIPS, ANIMATED FONTS, AND AWESOME 3D SPECIAL EFFECTS... NOW ALL I NEED IS A TOPIC."

A different level

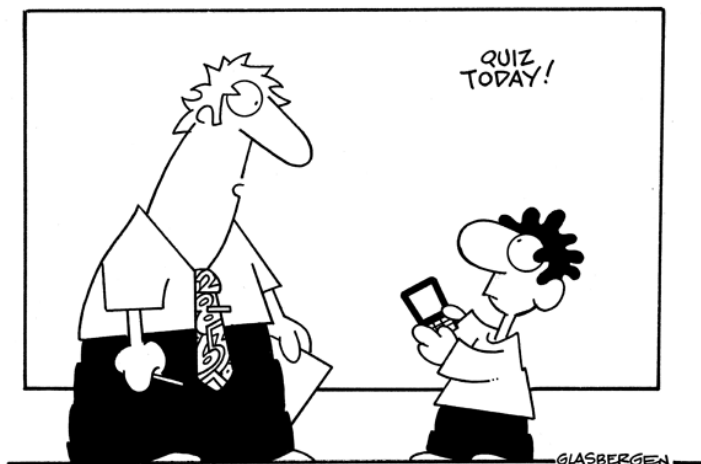
Learning happens just in the classroom?



Politics happens outside the classroom!

Use technology as a tool
for students to engage
with the broader community

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"You have to attend classes. You can't just follow me on Twitter."