VideoLectures, transLectures and Openingup*Slovenia* as a testing ground



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# videolectures net

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What is happening?



# Big promises of open and massively online education

- What can we do with it?
  - we can record everything from students' habits in reading and viewing lectures, to
  - their participation in discussion groups
  - their timing and performance on exercises
  - predict future student performance
  - select and sequence learning activities
  - help grade some types of assignments.
- Additionally we can:
  - understand educational content
  - how students learn it
  - and on communicate this understanding to human educators.

### **Open education and computation**



Large scale reasoning Open accreditation **Open Universities** Self-awareness **Open badges** Language technologies Open content Semantic and Context **Open licenses** technologies<sub>MOOCs</sub> Machine learning Open textbook Multimodal interfaces iquitous sensing Open source **Open Context Aware Environments** Information retrievalCognitive systems Knowledge discoveryOpen software Internet of things (everything) Open Educational Resources Open curriculum Data collection and storage

### How the classroom was...





### How the classroom is...





### How the classroom should be?...







### What is happening on our side?



# VideoLectures.Net IN A NUTSHELOUS

#### • WHAT IS IT?

- VideoLectures.NET is the largest **OER**, free and open access digital library of academic talks.
- The lectures are given by distinguished scholars and scientists at conferences, summer schools, workshops
- Case study for *trans*Lectures project
- Was awarded by United Nations as one of the most outstanding examples of creative and innovative e-Content in the world in the last decade.

#### • WHAT IS THE CONTENT?

- Content built up via FP6, FP7 research projects in fields of Computer Science
- The users are PhD, MSc, MA, researchers, academics, industry, undergraduates and the general public.

#### • WHERE IS IT BASED?

- Administratively: Knowledge 4 All Foundation Ltd., UK
- Operationally: Artificial Intelligence Lab, Institute Jožef Stefan, Slo

### VideoLectures.Net





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#### Content

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Events: 900 Authors: 12, 000 Lectures: 16, 000 Videos: 18, 000 Organisations: 7000 Categories: 600 Comments: 8500

#### Website

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Video views: 6 million Page views: 27 million Signed in users: 25,000 Average time: 36 min Attachments: 620,000 Files: 1,3 million 8 servers New Visitor: 60.83% Licenses: Creative Commons

#### Users

Top countries: United States, India, Slovenia, UK, Germany, China, Canada

Tutorials: 350 Keynote: 800 Interviews: 250

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## **Knowledge 4 All Found. (K4A)**

#### • WHAT IS IT?

- K4A is a Foundation based in London
- The goal of providing the legacy of the PASCAL2 Network of Excellence (machine learning)
- Part of this legacy is VideoLectures.NET website
- Has 60 members sites (CS departments and AI Labs)
- Strong connections with Open Courseware Consortium
- Strong connections with Matterhorn Opencast

#### • WHAT IS THE AIM?

- Use VideoLectures.Net as a free platform for global Education
- Introduce intelligent tools into VideoLectures.Net
- Use the expertise in Artificial Intelligence for Online Education
- Provide a stable global infrastructure for these processes
- Collect datasets to improve these processes
- Facilitate research in the field of Artificial Intelligence

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### transLectures CV

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### • SPECS?

- Cost: 4,5 mio EUR
- Project ref no. ICT-287755
- Project acronym: transLectures
- Project full title: Transcription and Translation of Video Lectures
- Instrument: ICT-2011.4.2 Language Technologies
- Thematic Priority: STREP
- Start date / duration: 01 November 2011 / 36 Months

### • WHO?

- Universidad Politecnica De Valencia, Xerox, Knowledge 4 All Foundation Ltd., RWTH, European Media Laboratory Gmbh, Deluxe Digital Studios
- OpenCast Matterhorn, VideoLectures.Net, Polmedia

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### • WHAT IS THE AIM?

- To develop innovative, cost-effective solutions to produce accurate transcriptions and translations in VideoLectures,
- To deploy those tools across other Matterhorn-related repositories.
- For translation, we consider the language pairs:  $en \Leftrightarrow es$ ,  $en \Leftrightarrow sl$ ,  $en \rightarrow fr$  and  $en \rightarrow de$ .

### • WHAT IS THE IMPACT?

• A big step in making educational repositories truly accessible both to speakers of different languages and to people with disabilities.

### • ADDITIONAL VALUE?

• Imagine having 16000 lectures in most of the world's languages.

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# transLectures WHAT, WHY

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### • KEYWORDS?

 language technologies, machine translation, automatic speech recognition, massive adaptation, intelligent interaction, education, video lectures, multilingualism, accessibility

### • WHY TRANSCRIPTION & TRANSLATION?

- There are accessibility issues that can be solved by transcription
- Non-native speakers understand better by reading than by hearing
- At least 1,300 different languages with more than 100,000 native speakers
- No language with more than 20% of the world population

### Demos



- List of all VideoLectures.NET videos with transcriptions:
  - <u>http://helium.ijs.si/lectures\_with\_trans.html</u>
- Example: English video
  - <u>http://translectures.videolectures.net/mitworld\_chomsky\_spelke\_iul</u> /
- transLectures player editing demo:
  - <u>http://translectures.videolectures.net/bootcamp07\_keller\_bss/</u>
  - <u>http://polimedia.upv.es/visor/?id=601f4e14-1db8-6143-9754-1af15c1</u> <u>1ee3c</u>
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  - <u>http://mediamixer.videolectures.net</u>

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### **Obstacles...**



Fragmentary results - fragmentary research and development

Disintegration:

- Cross-domain and cross-level divide
- Bottom up (needs) detached from the top down (legislation)

Implementation barriers (from social to value added)

Missing critical mass: the absence of large and systemic testbeds

Limited vision of Openness

Quality of content/services

### Challenges...

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Personalised (learner centric) vs. Mass			
Multilingual and mult	icultural	vs. Global	
Dynamic	VS.	Rigid	
Quality	VS.	Quantity	
Open	VS.	Proprietary	
Sharing (social)	VS.	Transferring (mechanistic)	
Participative	VS.	Directed	

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What is missing?



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## **OpeningupSlovenia**

### • Based on:

- EC communication titled 'Opening up Education' (DG EAC, Connect), Sept 2013
- VideoLectures.Net success (UNESCO award winner)
- Open education projects at Universities
- E-education program supported at the Ministry of Edu
- Successful e-learning technology developers and providers
- Industry lead initiative for Smart Specialization
- Slovenia is proposing to take a lead in EU "Opening Up Education" initiative by:
  - Providing EU state level commitment for the programme by all stakeholders
  - Offering Slovenia as a test-bed to develop, test and deploy best practices

### **History and Timeline**



- 26 February 2013 VideoLectures.Net recognized by UNESCO as best "e-Science & Technology" in the world in the last decade.
- **19 March 2013** JSI and K4A won the bid for OCWC 2014" to be held in Ljubljana
- 2 April 2013 on an official visit to Slovenia Director-General of UNESCO Irina Bokova, was impressed with VideoLectures.Net, and transLectures
- **25 September 2013** the EC presented 'Opening up Education' joint DGs EAC and Connect.
- **25 November 2013** the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport announces OpeningupSlovenia
- 23 April OpeningupSlovenia officially launched at OCWC Global Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Mid June first call for proposals for 1.4 mio EUR

### **Bottom up initiative**

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- Knowledge 4 All Foundation Ltd.
- Jožef Stefan Institute
- University of Maribor
- University of Primorska
- University of Ljubljana
- University of Nova Gorica
- Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of Slovenia
- OS Savsko Naselje primary school, representative of the national primary schools cluster
- Vrtec Trnovo kindergarten, representative of the national kindergarten cluster
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia
- Slovenian National Post system integrator

## **Associated institutions**

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- Austria: Faculty of Computer Science, Graz University of Technology
- Belgium: Department of Educational Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Croatia: University of Zadar, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek
- Estonia: Institute of Informatics, Tallinn University
- France: University of Nantes, INRIA the French Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control
- **Greece:** SingularLogic SA
- Italy: International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), Trieste, Interdipartimental Center of Research in Urban Planning "Alberto Calza Bini", Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, IAES International Academy of Environmental Sciences, Venice, Department of Mathmatics and COmputer Science, University Udine, University of Trieste
- Germany: Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- Lithuania: Vilnius Business College
- Netherlands: UNESCO OER Chair, Open University Netherlands, EADTU, European Association of Distance Teaching Universities
- Poland: Lublin University of Technology, University of Natural Sciences and Humanities in Siedlce
- **Portugal:** Faculty of Science and Technology of Universidade Nova de Lisboa, UNINOVA (Institute for the Development of New Tecnologies)
- Slovenia: Karst Research Institute, Postojna, Slovenia, British Council Slovenia, IAM Institute and Academy of Multimedia, School centre Kranj, Slovenian institute for Adult Education
- Spain: Madrid Open University, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Universitat Politècnica de València
- Turkey: Department of Computer Education & Instructional Technology Middle East Technical University
- United Kingdom: The Open University UK, University College London
- United States: OpenCourseWare Consortium, Opencast Matterhorn

### Why Slovenia?



- Small enough to make policies work
- Large enough to have quantitative data and partners
- Personalisation gaining from cultural richness
- Excellent background and raised awareness
- Critical mass of advanced technology, content, projects, networks
- Needs and interests from major stakeholders
- Strategically committed

## **OpeningupSlovenia**

- Develop open educational system
  - Step1: Parallel to the formal one
  - Step2: Connected to the formal one
  - Step3: Integrated with the formal one
- Targeting:
  - Step1: National level
  - Step2: South East Europe
  - Step3: Europe



### **Open education matrix**



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### Activities



- OuS Kick-off OCWC Global 2014, 23-25 April 2014, Ljubljana
  - President of republic of Slovenia Borut Pahor and UNESCO as Patrons
  - Slovenian Minister for Education Jernej Pikalo as promotor of the OuS
  - EC commissioner Androulla Vassiliou (Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth) as supporter of OuS
- UNESCO Chair on Open Software for OER

### **Running projects**



- Shared Open University (U, PS, IJS)
- National videolectures.net and scienceatlas.si
- RTD center for primary schools (OS, IJS, PS)
- RTD center for kindergardens (VT, IJS, OS)
- Mymachine (OS, IJS, U, VT)
- Slovenian Educational Network: e-textbook library (50+), teachers training (40.000)
- "OpenYota" holistic OS solution for Open Education
- Contextual Microlearning with AI
- high-tech RTD projects
- On-the-job competencies adaptation

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### **MyMachine Slovenia**











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# Thank you and **Openingup***France*!

WEBSITES: http://www.k4all.org/ http://videolectures.net/ http://www.translectures.eu/ http://www.k4all.org/openingupslovenia/ http://conference.ocwconsortium.org/2014/

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