



5th Digital Tour: Discover with us the diversity of SoTL at universities – in German-speaking countries and beyond!

Universities of the German language area developed a variety of approaches for research on and subject-specific development of their own teaching in the last few years. The concept Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) has major potential as a basic attitude and driving force for the further development and innovation of higher education. During the first four SoTL Tours (since 2020/21), various lecturers from the German-speaking area used the opportunity to exchange ideas about SoTL with their colleagues from other universities. We would like to continue the successful format of the tour starting in the summer semester of 2025, and therefore we kindly invite you to the fifth digital SoTL Tour. This time, we aim to expand the tour beyond the German-speaking region.

The goals of the SoTL Tour are to promote the SoTL teaching-learning community, enhance its sustainable integration at universities, and foster the establishment of a specific "Teacher-Researcher" attitude within higher education.

We “visit” SoTL pioneers at different higher education institutions and networks for 90 minutes each. Local guides welcome us at every stop of the expedition and introduce us to the local “SoTL sights”. Then there are conversations between the SoTL pioneers and the participants of the tour. The conversations are about our motivation for SoTL, how we practise SoTL and which insights we gain from it. Further topics could be: the presentation of the research process and how to deal with critical moments, the development of one's own teaching practice through reflective SoTL, a special professional development program or training, a journal, an award, a SoTL concept or a thematic focus, exemplary integration of students, an incentivisation for SoTL engagement, a special method that is applied, and much more.

The tour takes place on Zoom. The link will be sent to all registered participants by the organisation team of the SoTL network. In addition to lecturers who are interested in SoTL or who are already practicing it, university students, tutors, higher education development experts, and other involved individuals are also kindly invited to participate.

We expect to begin with the first appointment in April 2025, and the detailed schedule will be provided in February 2025.

In the case you are enthusiastic about this idea, please send an e-mail to Dr Nerea Vöing (nerea.voeing@upb.de) **by January 31, 2025**. We would then get back to you to arrange a phone call. Please also forward the call for applications to interested colleagues.

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