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Biography

Kim is Lecturer in Flexible Learning in the Institute for Teaching and Learning at The University of Sydney, where she consults with colleagues and project groups on curriculum design, teaching and assessment in technology-mediated learning. Prior to joining the Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) in 2001, Kim worked in a similar role in the Academic Development Unit at La Trobe University, Melbourne (1998 - 2001) and a major focus of her role there was on the university-wide implementation of the online learning management system WebCT. From 1992 - 1998, she lectured in LOTE (Foreign Languages) and ESL methodology in the Graduate School of Education at La Trobe University. During this period she was project manager of two distance-based teacher education projects (‘OPAL: Japanese’ - CD-ROM, print, video; and ‘I AM LOTE’ - intensive residential, satellite television, fax). Kim has a particular interest in communication, learning and identity in non-traditional, non-face-to-face teaching and learning contexts. Her PhD dissertation (in progress) is entitled Technology Transforming Academics: A study of academics adapting to online teaching.