Engineering Education 2.0: At the intersection of the Web of People and the Internet of Things

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In this talk, investigations on formal and informal requirements for personal learning environments taking into account students' personal learning practices will be presented. The potential of global Web 2.0 educational service bundles and informal learning communities, as well as their recommendation by peers and educators will be addressed. A scenario showing how these new paradigms can be integrated in engineering education as a way to bring together personal learning practices and to take advantage of the Internet of things for experimentation purposes will be drawn. Underlying requirements analysis and participatory design practices will be discussed. A special attention will be given to pedagogical and technological requirements and issues like usability, adoption, contextualization, personalization, as well as trust and reputation.

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