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Room: Block Y, Room Y402

**Presentation Title:** Second Life in EFL: Fostering Learner Autonomy in a Japanese University

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### **Abstract**

This paper provides an introduction to Second Life, an online multi-user virtual environment (MUVE), and discusses its potential for EFL instructors and learners. Attention is given to Second Life's appropriateness in different learning milieus, with a specific focus on increasing learner motivation and autonomy. The paper concludes with a survey of student response to virtual learning, highlighting both the possible benefits and stumbling blocks that EFL educators may encounter implementing Second Life in their own curricula.

### **Biodata**

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