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Teaching with technology: Mobiles, MOOCs and beyond

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The exponential growth of technology has important ramifications for teachers and students. Many students have grown up in a world surrounded by technology and it is imperative that educators provide appropriate support for these 'digital natives'. This small-scale research study examines students' attitudes to technology and its application to the pedagogical arena. Students enrolled on a 'Teaching with Technology' elective course at Nanzan University in Japan were asked to consider their attitudes to technology, especially with regard to teaching. They were also encouraged, as part of a research project, to investigate the potential of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) for both teaching and learning. The presenter will explicate the students' attitudes to technology and explore their perspectives on the potential of MOOCs. It is hoped that this presentation will be beneficial to those interested in technology, teacher training, and education as a whole.