

Curriculum Vitae

Frank Fischer (*1965) earned his Doctorate in Psychology in 1997, and his Habilitation (professorial dissertation) in Psychology and Educational Science in 2002, both from the University of Munich. He was an Assistant Professor for Applied Cognitive Psychology and Media Psychology at the University of Tuebingen and held a professorship for Instructional Psychology at the University of Erfurt (2002-2003). From 2004-2006 he was an Associate Professor for Research on Learning and Instruction at the University of Tuebingen and head of the research unit Collaborative Knowledge Construction at the Knowledge Media Research Center. Since October 2006, he is a Full Professor of Educational Science and Educational Psychology at the University of Munich. From 2008-2010 he held the position of Director of the Department of Psychology at this university. Since 2009, he is the speaker of the Munich Center of the Learning Sciences, an interdisciplinary collaboration of more than 30 research groups focussing on advancing research on learning „From Cortex to Community“. In this context, he is also directing the Doctoral Training Program „Learning Sciences“. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the International Society of the Learning Sciences. Since 2011 he serves as the Dean of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Science at the LMU. From 2011 - 2012 he held the responsibilities of President-elect of the International Society of the Learning Sciences.

His own research revolves around learning and instruction, with projects on collaborative learning, problem-based learning as well as inquiry and simulation-based learning. An overarching question is how technology-enhanced learning environments can advance knowledge and skills of learners in school, higher and further education. With respect to methodology, he has been contributing to the development of an use inspired basic research approach in the field of learning and instruction. He has published more than 100 journal articles and book chapters, and co-edited 6 books and special issues of scientific journals.