

How to Teach Now: Five Keys to Personalized Learning in the Global Classroom

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Summary:

In this book, William Powell and Ochan Kusuma-Powell provide a practical map to navigate some of today's most complicated instructional challenges: How do you help all students succeed when every classroom is, in effect, a *global* classroom? And what does a successful education look like in a world that is growing smaller and flatter every day?

Drawing on research and years of experience in international schools, the authors identify five critical keys to personalising learning for students who have wildly different cultural, linguistic and academic backgrounds:

- **Focus on your students as learners** through systematic examination of their cultural and linguistic identities, learning styles and preferences, and readiness.
- **Focus on yourself as a teacher** and investigate your own cultural biases, preferred teaching style and beliefs, and expectations.
- **Focus on your curriculum** to identify transferrable concepts that will be valuable and accessible to all students and further their global competence.
- **Focus on your assessments** to ensure cultural sensitivity and improve the quality of the formative data you gather.
- **Focus on your collegial relationships** so that you can effectively enlist the help of fellow educators with different experiences, backgrounds, skills and perspectives.

The way to teach now is to focus on your students both as individuals and as members of a multifaceted, interdependent community. Here, you'll learn how to design and deliver instruction that prepares students not just to meet standards but to live and work together in our complicated 21st century world.

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Supporting Resources:

- *The Global Classroom: Activities to Engage Students in Third Millennium Schools* (6015)
- *The Purposeful Classroom: How to Structure Lessons with Learning Goals in Mind* (112007)
- *Breaking Free from Myths About Teaching and Learning: Innovation as an Engine for Student Success* (109041)