Physical and Virtual Learning Spaces in Higher Education: Concepts for the Modern Learning Environment

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- E-Portfolios
- Evaluating Learning Spaces
- Knowledge Creation Metaphors
- Learning Space Designs
- Outdoor and Environmentally Integrated Learning Spaces
- Student-Focused Virtual Learning Spaces
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