HT: Spatial Platforms replace Flat Systems

PART I — FORESIGHT SNAPSHOT | HT: Spatial Platforms Replace Flat Systems | Fixed Time-Stamped Synthesis

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The emergence of persistent 3D social platforms for conferencing, collaboration, and learning as viable alternatives to 2D video conferencing represents a structural shift in the remote education technology landscape. Platform quality and adoption have been uneven, but the category is established and continues to mature. iLRN's virtual campus work in FrameVR represents a practitioner engagement with this transition.

Key Drivers / Contributing Conditions:

- COVID-19 accelerating remote education technology adoption
- FrameVR, Gather, Horizon Workrooms, and Mozilla Hubs category development
- iLRN and peer organizations deploying 3D virtual conference and campus environments

Tensions Carried Forward to Part II:

- When does the overhead of a spatial platform justify its use over simpler 2D alternatives?

Linked Scenarios / Strands: SCENARIO: Pragmatic Normalization

Ways of Knowing: Tree · Garden · Lantern

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T	COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION FORM — HT: Spatial Platforms Replace Flat Systems Submit case examples, methodological challenges, cultural perspectives, and proposed evidence criteria via: https://tally.so/r/ilrn-if-ht-spatplat-2026

Part II — Scope and Instructions
This section collects community responses, case examples, and challenges to the Part I foresight snapshot above.
It opens July 1, 2026 and undergoes synthesis review in September 2026, November 2026, and January 2027.
Contributions are submitted via the Tally.so form above and appear in the registers below after editorial review.
The Part I text is not modified in response to Part II contributions; it is versioned at the Annual Handoff review.
Contribution categories: Case Example | Methodological Challenge | Cultural/Community Perspective | Proposed Evidence Criterion
Ways of Knowing accepted: Tree (evidence) | Garden (practice) | Lantern (futures)

Tensions Open for Community Response:

- When does the overhead of a spatial platform justify its use over simpler 2D alternatives?

Contributor / Date	Category	Way of Knowing	Contribution Summary
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