

TECH IS GOOD – RELATIONSHIPS ARE BETTER: The importance of building student-teacher rapport in online teaching

A Johnson Shoyama On-Ed Presentation

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In this On-Ed presentation, Martin Gaal will be introducing talking points on a common blind spot in online teaching, the student-teacher relationship. He will discuss the evolution of his online-teaching, introducing some of the techniques he has used to build a rapport with students—including those that have worked and the many that have not.



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Dr. Martin Gaal has lectured at the University of Saskatchewan in Political Studies and International Studies since 2012. Prior to moving to Saskatoon, he lived and worked in South Korea, China, Taiwan, Belgium and the United Kingdom. In Belgium, Martin read for his PhD in International Relations at the University of Kent Brussels. While undertaking his studies, he had the opportunity to work at the European Parliament and Copura, a European Security and Defence consultancy. Since 2016, he has been deeply involved in the development of the Global Studies Certificate and the formalization and teaching of the Political Studies online programming, working with the DEU to create six courses. He has also been working on the piloting and implementing of the *First Year Research Experience* across the departments 100 level courses. In 2018-19, Martin received the *USSU Teaching Excellence Award* and in 2019-20 he was the recipient of the *College of Arts and Science New Teacher Award in BA, BFA, and BMus Programs*.



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