A quick tour of Gen Y and their use of technology

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International Students between the ages of about 15 and 28 are popularly considered to be part of Gen Y. What does that actually mean and do Gen Ys of different countries differ as much as their predecessors (Gen X and Baby Boomers)? This short presenation explores some stereotypical views on the motivations and aspirations of this generation of students, their use of technology and their expectations in classrooms and institutions. The implications for institutions in terms of working with students from this generation are discussed. The presenter shares his experience of working closely with the group of globalised technologised Gen Y students.