

On Expansion or Replication of Evidence-Based Practices: A Question of Scale

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Dr. Laura Hosman is Associate Professor at Arizona State University, holding a joint appointment in the School for the Future of Innovation in Society and in The Polytechnic School. Her action-oriented work focuses on the role for new technologies in developing countries, particularly in education. She brings her passion for experiential learning to the classroom and beyond, through real-world-focused, project-based courses that bring students and student-built technology to the field for implementation. Hosman is also co-founder and director of SolarSPELL, an offline solar-powered digital library and information literacy initiative for low-resource locations. To date, SolarSPELL (Solar Powered Educational Learning Library) has been deployed to over 395

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