Wanderlust into (Y)our Past: Mediating Intimacy for Prosocial Co-existing with Your Loved One in Home Quarantine

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Description

In this paper, I present a web-based experience named Wanderlust into (y)our past, which aims to mediate a bond with a partner, family member, and loved ones. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, couples and families are learning how to co-exist healthily in quarantined life where they live together all the time in a confined space. Wanderlust into (y)our past takes them together to a virtual time travel to the places where they have been in the past and nudges them to share personal memories. Through these interpersonal dialogues of the past, this system encourages them to consider each other and take collaborative and prosocial actions towards the new normal in the post-pandemic. This paper describes backgrounds, approaches, ongoing functional prototype, and a future direction.

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