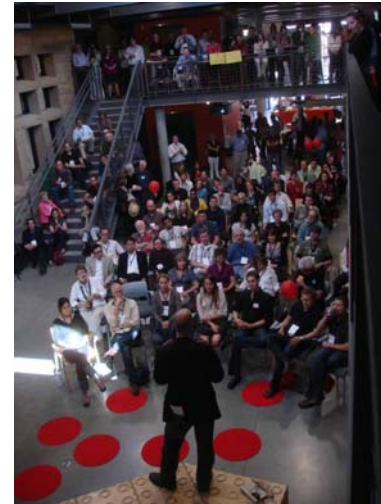


## Thoughts from Abroad!

### Letter from Stanford, May 2010

#### The d school

The Institute of Design at Stanford, a.k.a the d school, has celebrated the opening of their new building. The old building was earthquake safe, but the ground underneath it wasn't, so they had to move. <http://dschool.stanford.edu/> It was a grand opening of the new building with seminars, lectures and presentations. Professor Larry Leifer presented the Hasso Plattner Design Thinking Research Program.



#### Foresight workshop

William Cockayne and Tamara Carleton have a series of Foresight workshops where a whole department get together for four full days to analyze their history, their clients and their opportunities with the aim to prepare for the future. It is very interesting to follow this group, learn about the foresighting tools and see the cooperation and development.

#### The History and Philosophy of Design

I have taken a class here at Stanford: The History and Philosophy of Design (or rather, I have audited the class - I can't get any credits from Stanford, but there is an opportunity to get credits from LTU...). The class is very interesting; the professor Barry Katz is great! There is a lot of reading to do, but it's all very enjoyable, like *Change by Design*, by Tim Brown and *The Big Switch*, by Nicholas Carr, which I can definitely recommend.

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