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But first some information on my University:
Agder University College:

- 1994: Emerged of six regional colleges with history from 1839.
- 1995: A core part of strategy to become a fully accredited university
- Finally: University of Agder 01.09.2007.
University of Agder

- Norway’s most recent university, established
  01.09.2007

- Norway’s fifth largest institution of higher education.

- 8 Ph.D. programmes.

- 20 Master programmes.

- Approximately 100 Bachelor programmes and
  other courses.
Key figures

- Five faculties:
  - Faculty of Health and Sport
  - Faculty of Fine Arts
  - Faculty of Humanities and Education
  - Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
  - Faculty of Engineering and Science

Department of teacher education is organised cross faculties.

- 8000 students
- 800 employees
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Service innovation are changes in the service linked to the product and packaging innovation is connected to the packaging of the product, (West 1992).
We could also talk about Concept innovation and the service innovation accompanied by it.
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The Concept of Fab Lab:
Theoretical and practical competence
Design equipment
Open house

How does a variation in environment affect the concept of Fab Lab? Observations from South Africa 2007.
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The Fab Lab near University of Pretoria  
South Africa  

Served local Entrepreneurs  

The Fab Lab in Soshanguve Gauteng  
South Africa

Served School children

Why?

Both organizations did adjust to their environment, but the environment were quite different!
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Thank you for your attention!