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Toward New Models of Coherence: Responding to the Fragmentation of Higher Education

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Higher education faces periodic cycles of hype and predications of dramatic reform. In the past century, methods such as distance education and technologies such as radio and television have been touted as transformative to education and representing the future of learning. In spite of those proclamations, higher education enrolment continues to increase and governments continue to invest substantial resources in the traditional university model. Today, the language of change in higher education centres on the internet, online learning, and massive open online courses. Do these trends represent yet another hype cycle? This presentation argues that while hype is prominent in MOOCs and online learning, there is something new in this trend that has the potential to change higher education in ways that previous technologies have not. After reviewing the trends and technologies that are fragmenting the university model, the presentation will focus on alternative scenarios for the university system in the future.



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