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Trajectories of learning: navigating the future of learning with new technologies

This keynote address will consider some of the challenges and opportunities of new technologies and how they can be used to support learning, teaching and research. It will consider some of the characteristics of new open, social and participatory media and provide examples of how they are being used in an educational context. It will draw on current research work in the field and conclude with reflections on what this might mean for the future of learning.

Key questions for participants to reflect on are:
- What are the implications of social and participatory media for learning, teaching and research?
- How will adopting more open approaches change the nature of how we design, deliver and support learning, how we teach and how we research?
- What are the implications of new technologies for educational institutions, in a world where content and expertise are increasingly free what is the role of traditional institutions?
- How will roles and institutional processes change?
- We have already seen the emergence of new institutions such as the OER University and the peer-to-peer university, what other business models are likely to emerge?