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Title: From Elite to Mass to Universal Higher Education: the Promise of Open Education.

Synopsis:

In 2001, MIT announced its OpenCourseWare initiative, the publication of university courses has spread throughout the world. 20,000 courses have been published by OpenCourseWare Consortium members, and since 2012, MOOCs have sprouted up with millions more registrants. With the advent of free, publicly available, high-quality courses and their contents, the era of universal higher education seems to be approaching. However, the road to a well-educated world is ridden with problems: inadequate primary and secondary preparation, tight or reduced public funding, and even the challenges of the learner environment open education. This talk focuses on both the promises and problems in higher education's future.