

FED ERC Seminar

The Future(s) of Online and Blended Higher Education

Date & Time: 20 Nov 2015, 13:00 – 14:00 (Light lunch begins at 12:30pm)

Venue: Multi-function Hall (1001), Student Activity Centre (E31)

Language: English

Audience: UM Staff / Postgraduate Students

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** Complementary light lunch will be provided.*

Abstract

Universities around the world are using new technologies to provide educational opportunities for traditional and nontraditional students. Many regard this effort as an additional activity, added on to teaching and learning for on-campus students. Others regard it as part of their core mission.

This technological environment is changing rapidly, and student needs and expectations are changing. This talk projects current trends to suggest several different alternative futures for the role of these technologies in higher education.



Speaker



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