

From Connected Classrooms to Collective Intelligence: Shaping the Future of Learning

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This keynote explores the evolution of distance education from correspondence learning to AI-enhanced, learner-centred ecosystems. It calls for a shift from academic excellence to societal impact, emphasizing transdisciplinary education and alignment

with sustainable development. Key trends—AI personalisation, collective intelligence

and convergence of technologies-are reshaping education. Highlighting the growing

importance of lifelong learning and workforce reskilling, the talk envisions an inclusive, intelligent, and interconnected future where education empowers learners for global citizenship, innovation, and sustainable progress.

