Adam Smith (1723-1790)

“the first thinker to articulate the vital differences of working principles between cottage workshops and industrial factories”
Adam Smith’s Pin Factory

- Specialisation
- Division of Labour
- Use of machines
- Economies of scale
Aim

to make higher learning accessible to people of all ages and to transform its quality
Walter Perry
(Lord Perry of Walton)

Founding Vice-Chancellor
The Open University
1969-1979
Officials:
“Test the concept first with a pilot project of a few hundred students”

Perry:
Opened the OU in 1971 with a first cohort of 25,000 students
The Course Team was the OU’s most important innovation

Lord Walter Perry
Founding Vice-Chancellor
The Open University
The Open University has institutionalised innovation
“Open as to People
Open as to Places
Open as to Methods
Open as to Ideas”

Lord Geoffrey Crowther
At the OU’s inaugural ceremony in 1969
LIFELONG LEARNING FOR FARMERS

Dr. K. Balasubramanian

COL’s Classroom without Walls

COL’s durable and sustainable innovations
Great Scots: Innovators in Open Learning

Adam Smith
1723-1790

Walter Perry
1921-2003
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