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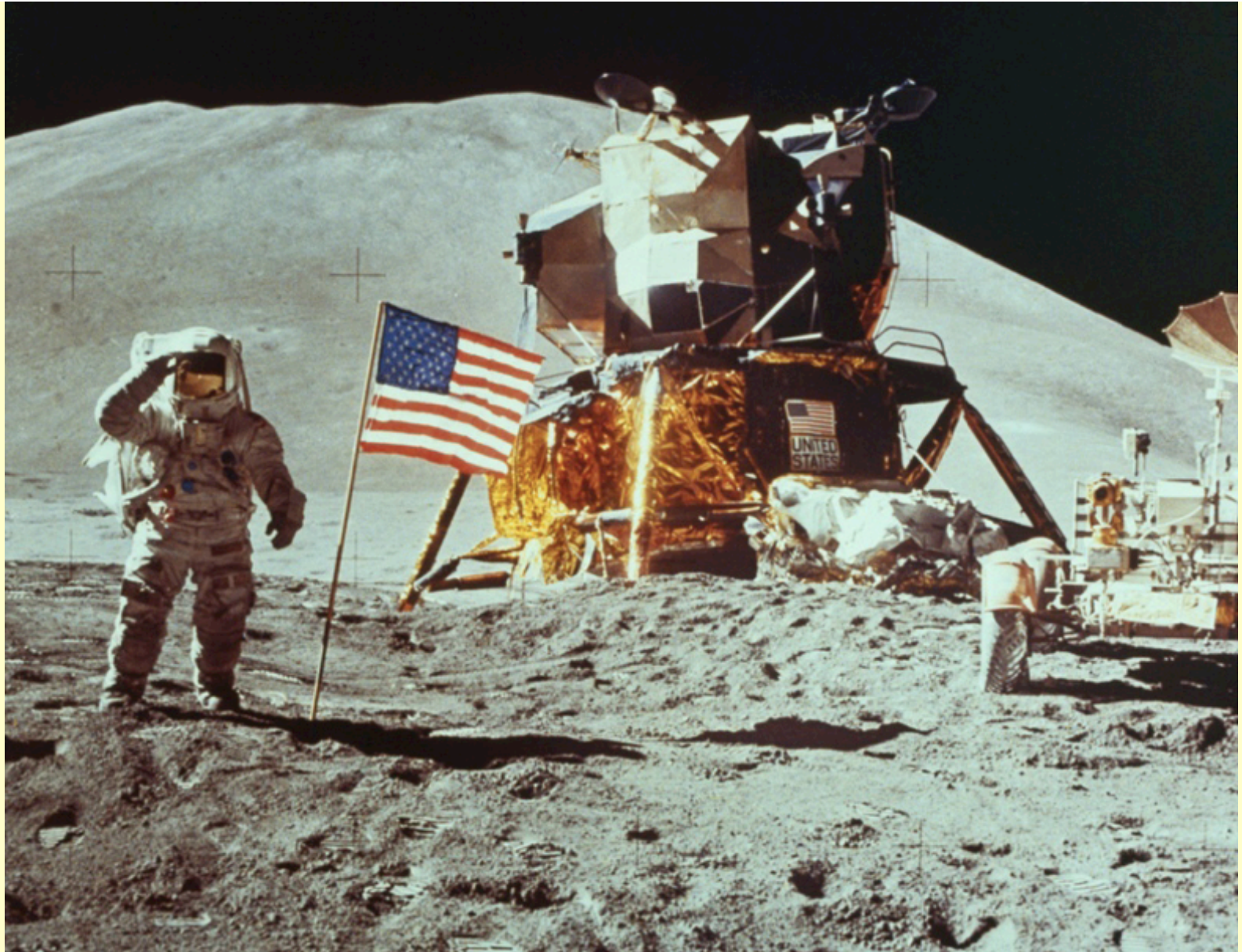


Universities in 2016: Open or Closed?

Sir John Daniel



Lord Geoffrey Crowther
Inauguration of the Open University
1969



First Moon Landing 1969



Geoffrey Crowther

‘What a happy chance it is that we start on this task, in this very week when the Universe has opened. The limits not only of explorable space, but of human understanding, are infinitely wider than we have believed’

Inauguration of the Open University
1969

UNISA



中央广播电视大学
THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA



มหาวิทยาลัยสุโขทัยธรรมมาธิราช
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AFRICAN VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITE VIRTUELLE AFRICAINE
UNIVERSIDADE VIRTUAL AFRICANA

دانشگاه پیام نور



The **Open** University of Sri Lanka
LIFE LONG LEARNING THROUGH DISTANCE EDUCATION



Athabasca
University



The Open University



Geoffrey Crowther

We are open as to **places**.
This University has no
cloisters - a word meaning
closed.



Inauguration of the Open University



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The Open University

Open as to:

- People
- Places
- Methods
- Ideas





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The Left vs. Right Political Spectrum

Left Wing

Right Wing



Anarchism



Communism



Socialism



Liberalism



Conservatism



Monarchism



Nazism



Fascism



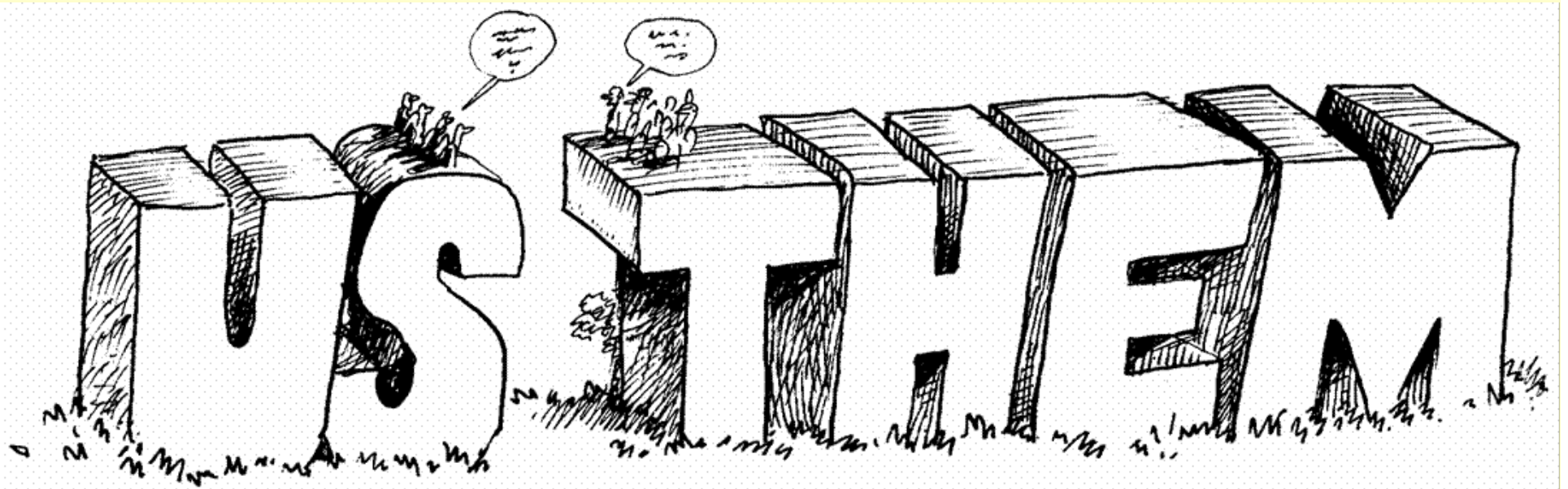
Left



Right







Africa's fragile democracies

Since the end of the cold war, multi-party democracy has flourished. In many countries it is now at risk

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The Economist



Political freedoms are not increasing



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Sanitation
Life expectancy
Poverty
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Literacy
Freedom
Equality
The next generation

Ten Reasons to Look Forward to the Future

Education sustains Progress



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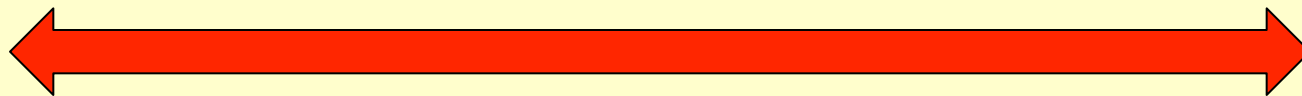
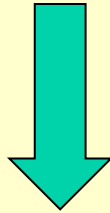
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A 14-page special report on the world's fastest-growing continent

Higher
Education

?



Open

Closed



The Open University

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MOOC



MOOCs began in Canada 2008

University of
Manitoba



*Connectivism &
Connective Knowledge*

25 students on
campus
2,300 public - free



Course x6002 *Circuits and Electronics*

155,000 registrations

23,000 tried first test

9,000 passed mid-term

7157 passed = $< 5\%$



A
student
of
14
MOOCs



My MOOCs

- The Mind is Flat (Warwick University)
- Talk the Talk (Open University)
- Start Writing Fiction (Open University)
- Challenging Wealth and Income Inequality (Open University)
- Childhood in the Digital Age (Open University)
- What is a Mind? (University of Cape Town)
- Empire: The Controversies of British Imperialism (Exeter U.)
- Logical and Critical Thinking (University of Auckland)
- Exploring English: Magna Carta (British Council)
- Basic Science: Understanding Numbers (Open University)
- Strategies for Successful Ageing (Trinity College Dublin)
- Mindfulness & Wellbeing for Peak Performance (Monash U)
- Cybersecurity (Open University)
- Ageing Well: Falls (Newcastle University)

FREE ONLINE COURSE

Ageing Well: Falls

Explore why people fall, discover practical methods to reduce the risk of falling and recognise when to seek expert help.

Go to course – starts 5 Sep



2012



Course x6002 *Circuits and Electronics*

2016

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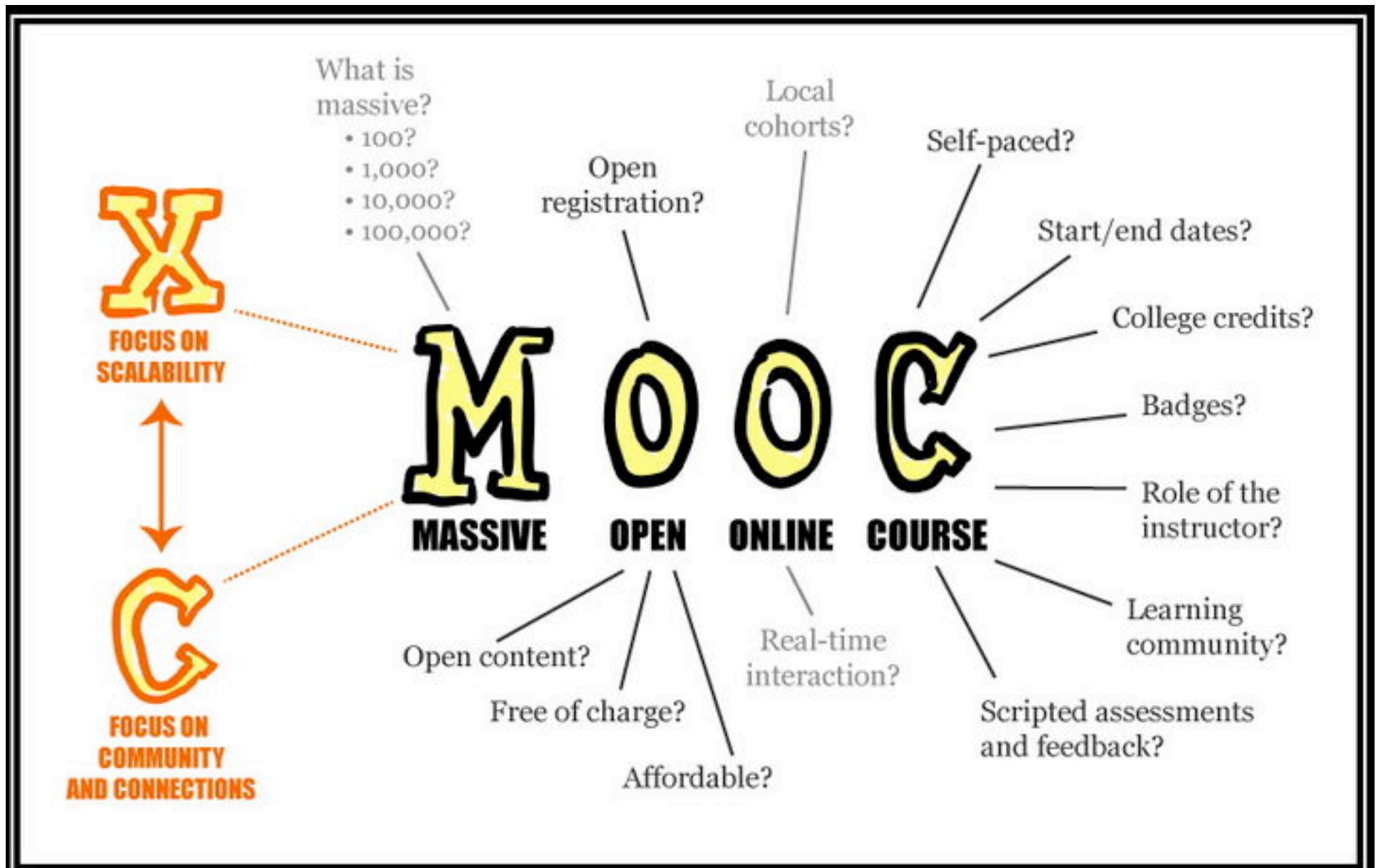
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Future
Learn



Meaning of every letter is negotiable!

Massive = **O**pen to **P**eople

Open = **O**pen to **P**laces

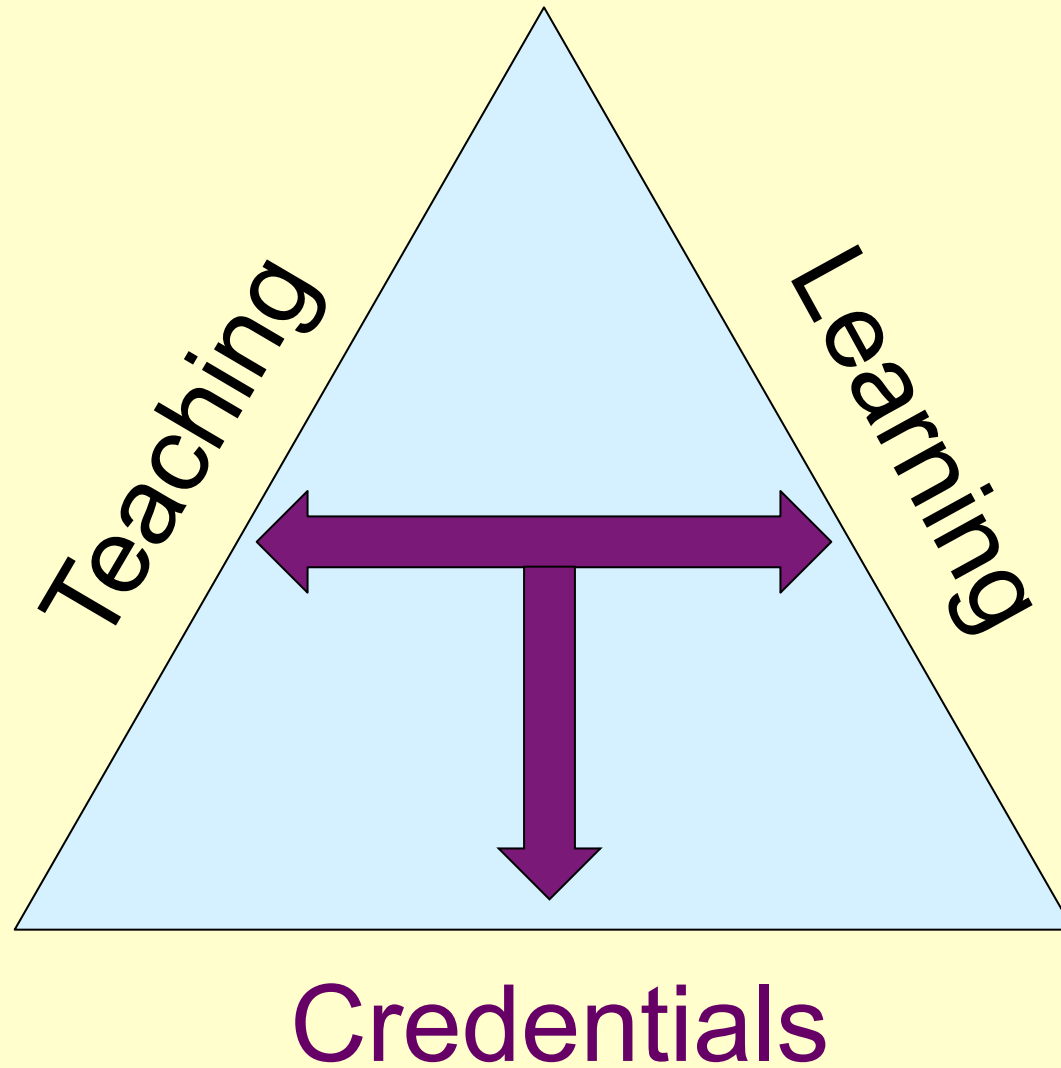
Online = **O**pen to **M**ethods

Course = ????????



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Not for Credit



What is higher education?

**MOOCs are not in themselves
the transformation of HE**



**If Harvard
is going online
it must be OK!**

MOOCs are not in themselves
the transformation of HE

But they have been the catalyst
for that transformation

