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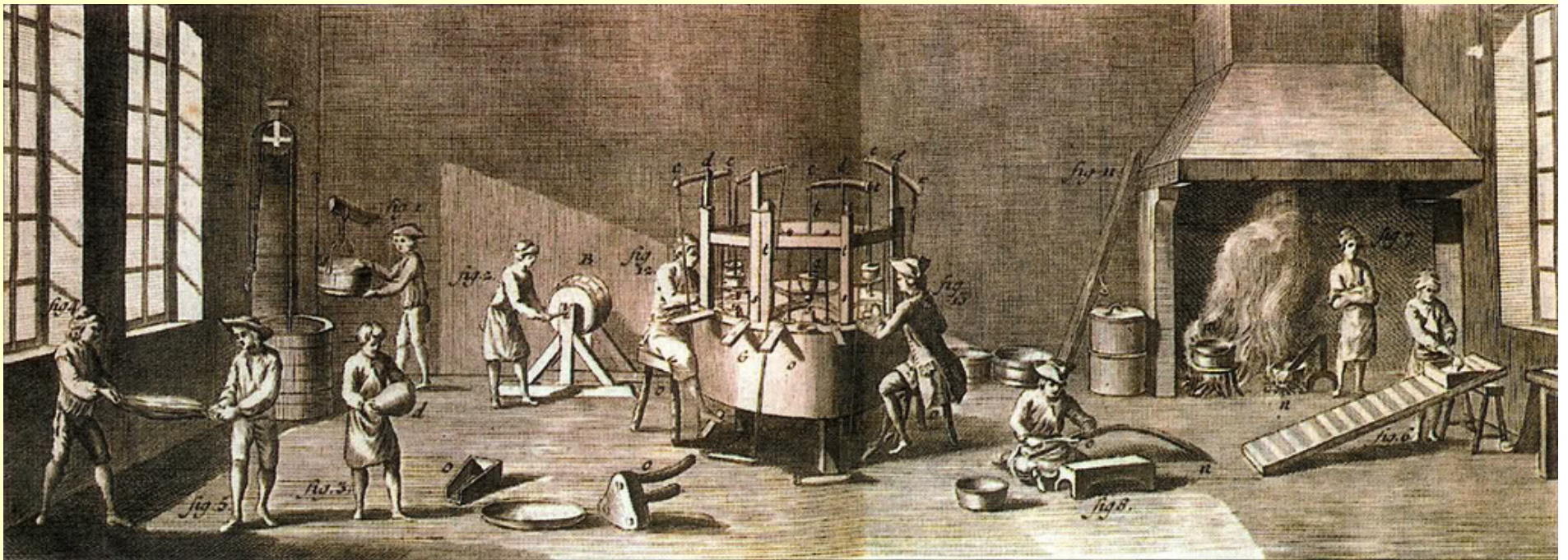
Innovations for Quality
Education and Lifelong Learning

Plenary Panel
Chair: Sir John Daniel, O.C.



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



The Open University

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



Lord Walter Perry
Founding Vice-Chancellor
The Open University

The Course Team
was the OU's
most important
innovation



Lord Walter Perry
Founding Vice-Chancellor
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The
Open University
has
institutionalised
innovation



The Open University

“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



COMMONWEALTH *of* LEARNING

Learning for Sustainable Development



LIFELONG LEARNING FOR FARMERS

Dr. K. Balasubramanian



Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth
PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



COL'S Classroom without Walls



APTUS

COL's durable and sustainable innovations

Great Scots: Innovators in Open Learning



Adam Smith
1723-1790



Walter Perry
1921-2003

Plenary Panel Members

- The Honourable Michael Browne, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Antigua and Barbuda
- Prof. Abdalla Uba Adamu, Vice Chancellor, NOUN Nigeria
- Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor of IGNOU India
- Dr. Caroline Seelig, Chief Executive, Open Polytechnic New Zealand

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