### Network Enabled Open Education: Changing the landscape of learning

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#### **Educational Opportunity**

## Open

- Content
- Tools
- Knowledge
- EnablingResources
  - Legal
  - Policy



#### Network

- Connectivity
  - Wired; Wireless
  - Satellite; Cell; Mesh.....
- Community

Quality
Educational
Opportunity

## Accelerating Global Movement





















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## OER as Key Strategy for Educational Advancement

- Commonwealth of Learning
- International Council for Distance Education (ICDE)
  - EADTU
- UNESCO
- Open Textbook Initiatives
- India: National Knowledge Commission
  - Capacity Building through Net Enabled Open education

Part of the Discourse on Educational Change

# India: Capacity Building through Net Enabled Open education

- Network-based delivery needs to become a central modality for delivering quality education.
  - A blended process intelligent combinations of physical and virtual elements.
  - Distributed Repositories, Domain-specific Grids and Portals, Interaction facilities, Robust connectivity

#### **□** Faculty and Institutional Development Program

- Promote distance and network based delivery techniques
- Develop domain competencies and teaching skills for quality education using quality faculty and high quality materials.

#### National Portal for Open Education

- Enabling resources for faculty and resource development
- □ Clearinghouse function and an interaction environment

## A Collaborative Publication Project

- "How can we advance teaching and learning by taking full advantage of open education?"
- A hardcover book + free online distribution with Creative Commons
- 30 chapters by 38 prominent leaders and visionaries (Foreword by John Seely Brown)
- Lessons learned and visions of the future from:
   OKI, IMS, CNI, Sakai, Moodle, ETUDES,
   iCampus, VUE, Mellon Foundation, OCW,
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   Carnegie Foundation, and more

## OPENING UP EDUCATION

The Collective Advancement of Education through Open Technology, Open Content, and Open Knowledge



Toru Iiyoshi and M.S.Vijay Kumar

The Carnegie Foundation's Book on Open Education (Winter 2008, MIT Press)

### Opening Up Education: A Framework

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### Opening Up Education: Key Dimensions

- What does open education mean as an agency for change both in formal and informal education?
  - The educational value proposition and implications of open education initiatives
  - The factors that would propel these initiatives towards having a larger impact on education.

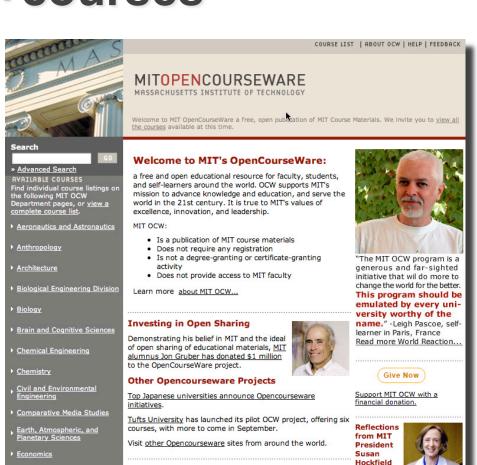
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— Kunle Adejumo, Engineering student at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria



## Making A Difference

"I was delighted by the way the material is so coherently presented.

It is truly inspiring to see this level of excellence."

— Prof. Richard Hall, LaTrobe University, Melbourne, Australia Teaching Information Systems, Beginning Microprocessors, and Advanced Computer-Aided Software Engineering

### Flashback - Flashforward

"... even though I relied heavily on material from [Differential Equations], I had no idea how it was being taught—or what was being taught.
... I'd like to bring more of the technology into the classroom, so that while I was giving a lecture, I could give them a flashback to something they had seen in a previous course... This will create better linkages, and to fully integrate the learning experience."

— Prof. Karen Willcox, Aeronautics & Astronautics Teaches required aero/astro course to MIT juniors

# Transformative Potential: Changing the Ecology and Economics of Education

### Access; Alternate Pathways; Adaptation;

- A
- Teaching → Learning
- □ Scaling Excellence: Overcome the Iron Triangle of AQC (Daniel)

## Blended Learning

**Boundary-less Education** 

Continuous improvement

**Continuous Education** 

## iLabs: "If you can't come to the lab... the lab will come to you!"



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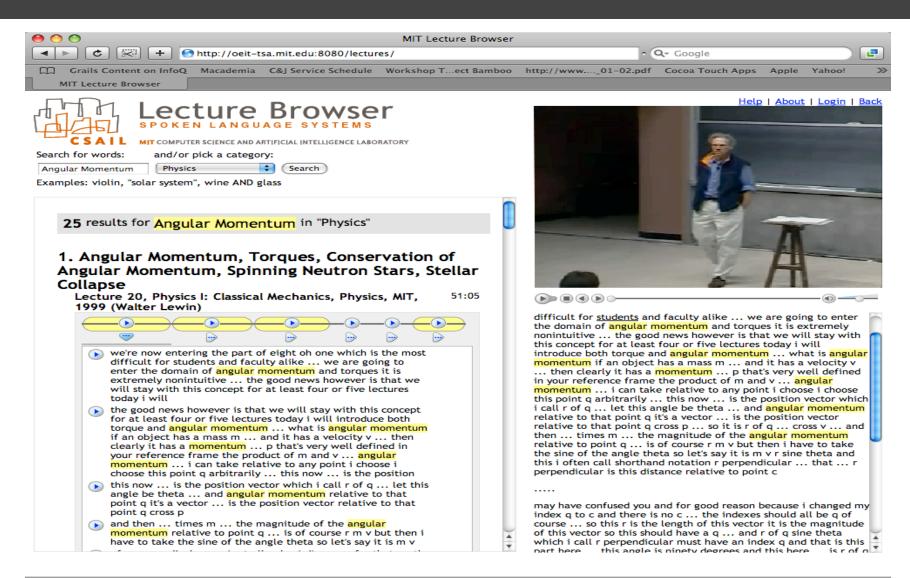
More lab time to users/researchers

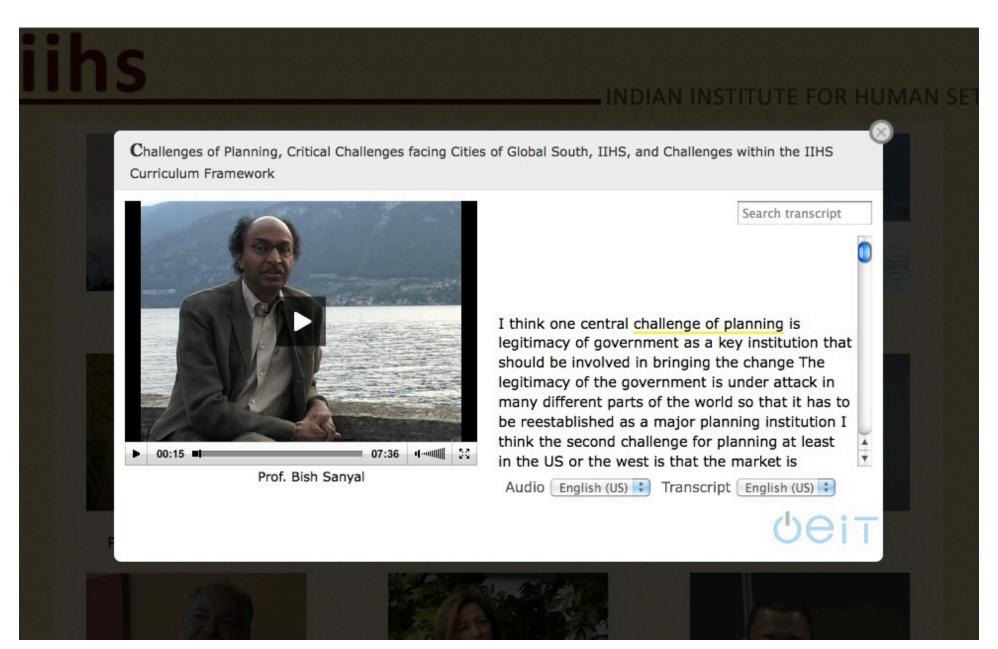
More sophisticated labs available

Communities of scholars created around iLabs

Sharing educational & research content

#### Deeper Learning and Leveraged Resources





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## Process and Platform for Collaborative Course & Curriculum

: Finding -> Getting -> Building

#### Discover

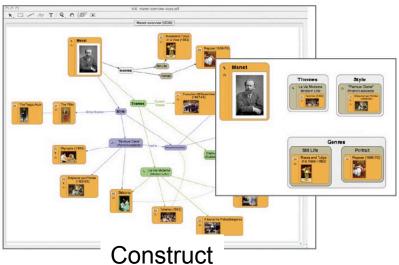


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#### Concept Map of a Course Using Visual Understanding Editor (VUE)

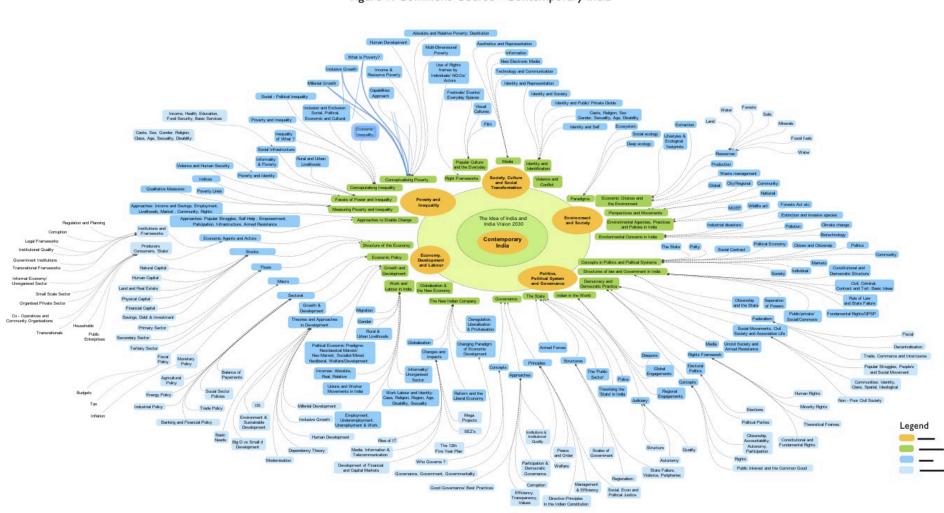
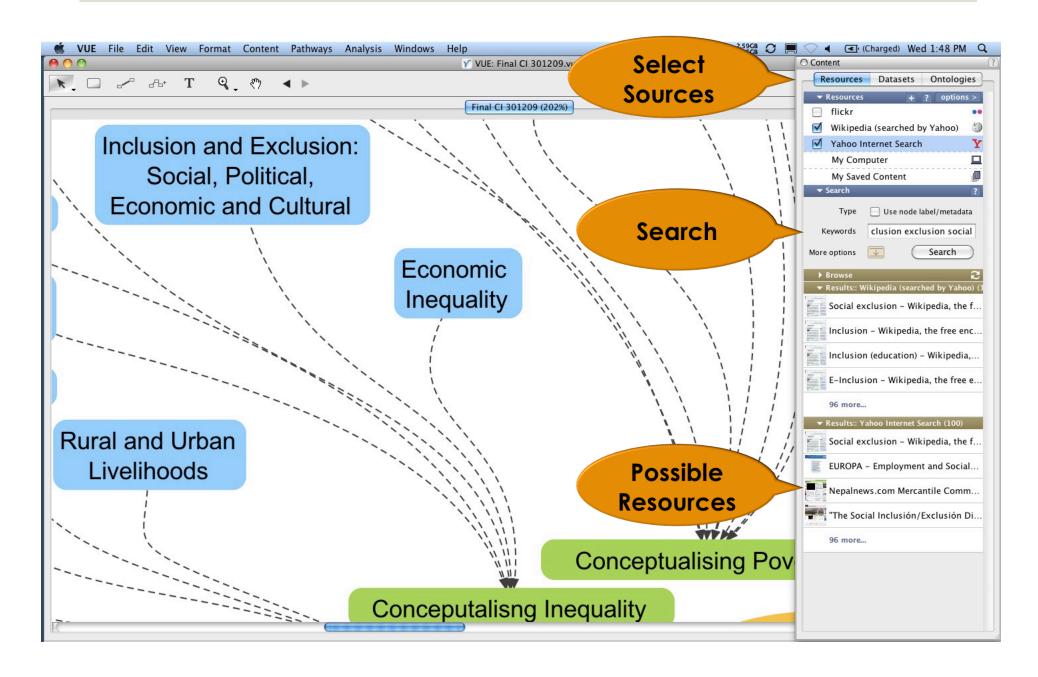
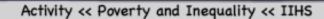


Figure 7: Commons Course - Contemporary India







http://open.iihs.co.in/poverty\_and\_inequality/activity



#### Home > Poverty and Inequality > Activity

Aromar Revi

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#### Places



#### Timeline



#### In Context



#### Discussion

Aromar: I think this article misses some of the major points...

Kavita: The article does include some of the issues most relevant

## Open ...Readiness

- What factors would help Open initiatives have a larger impact on education?
- How can we tightly integrate open education efforts with educational program priorities?

## Readiness Content and Culture

"Water, Water, Everywhere, Nor any drop to drink."

— Coleridge, The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

#### Content Readiness

 Addressing challenge of effectively finding, evaluating and making the best use resources in one's own educational context.

#### Cultural Readiness

- Embracing a culture of open in educational design, development, and delivery
  - By Educators and Institutions, from the get-go.

#### Content Readiness:

#### Finding..... Getting.... Using

#### Content Discovery and Re-use

link existing educational materials and aid in their discoverability; making it easier to utilize relevant educational materials in teaching and learning.

#### Community and Context:

- Collective intelligence: Social tagging and social networking tools to help find useful materials more quickly and to share best practice
- Collaborative Annotation tools that will enable sharing of information and ideas through annotation of content in text, web, video.

#### ■ Core Concept Catalog:

- Curriculum concepts, or "learning objectives", mapped to OCW materials enabling the re-use of cross-disciplinary content.
  - Point of Need Learning; Guided Pathways

## Challenge: Recasting Resources, Relationships and Roles

- Institutional Inertial Frames and Invariants
  - Scarcity vs. Abundance
- Recasting roles and values
  - Sense Making
  - Ordering the digital disorder
  - Pedagogical Shifts
    - Individual learning -> collaborative, social learning
    - □ Co-development of knowledge with learners

#### Credentialing

- Distributed over time and place
- P2P and Self-Learning

## In Search of Useful Open Resources

- OCW Finder :: ocwfinder.org
  - Search and browse across OCWs
  - OCW Consortium also has a search at <u>www.ocwconsortium.org/use/use-dynamic.html</u>
- OER Recommender :: oerrecommender.org
  - "Related" resources from selected collections
  - Plug-in for Firefox
- **■** KEEP/Knowledge Commons
  - ☐ Tacit Knowledge
- Open Knowledge Initiative (O.K.I)
  - □ OSIDS Specifications for Portability, Interoperability

## **Project Greenfield**

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