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# Towards a Student-centered Education

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# Millennials

A generation

- ✓ born near the dawn of the new millennium - the first **born into the digital world**
- ✓ **ethnically and racially diverse**
- ✓ politically, **more progressive** in their voting habits and less **religiously observant**
- ✓ the **most tech-advanced generation ever**
- ✓ **not only use technology** but they are doing their part to **advance** it as well
- ✓ **they believe education through technology** is a big factor to achieving **success in life**



# The majority of young people today

- ➔ See themselves as **Global citizens**, who have the responsibility to make the world better.
- ➔ Want to contribute to the general **welfare of society**.
- ➔ Value **diversity**, are outraged by **social injustice**, are willing to **act** to make the **world** a **more equitable place** and **take responsibility** for their actions.
- ➔ Want to learn **foreign languages** so that they can be educated and work in different countries.  
**Mobility** is important to them.
- ➔ Want **flexibility** and **lifelong learning**.
- ➔ Believe in job equality, and they want **recognition**.

<http://luckyattitude.co.uk/millennial-characteristics/>

# The answer and the path is Education





# The University in the 21<sup>st</sup> century



Anne-Marie IMAFIDON  
United Kingdom

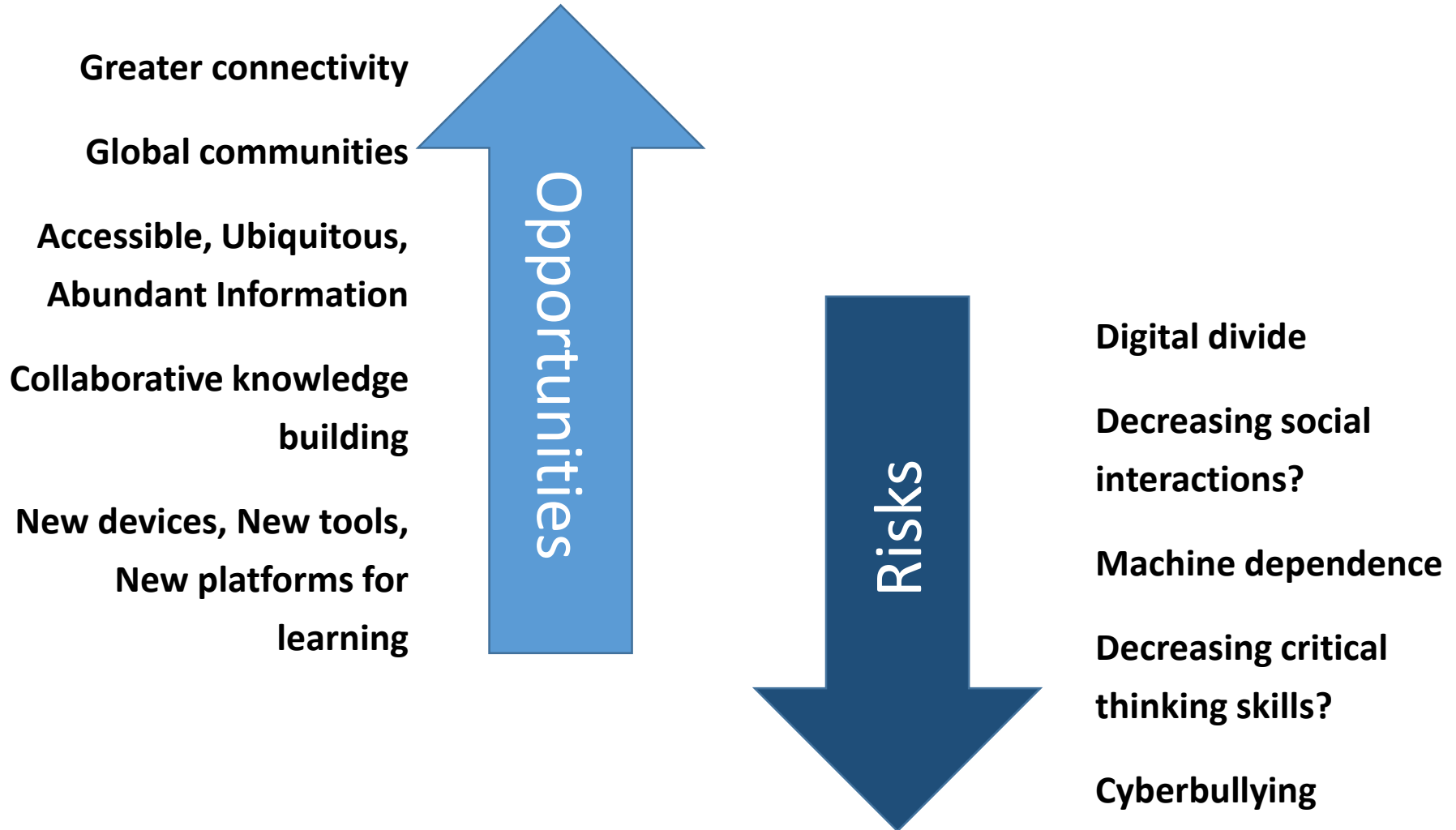
**We want to be able to learn  
Anything, Anytime, Anywhere.  
At our pace, at our place.**



Chris PATTEN of BARNES  
Chancellor of Oxford University,  
United Kingdom



# Technology is good for Education. Probably.





# The many faces of Education

**Distant Learning**

**Webinars**

**MOOCs**

**Erasmus Programs**

**Lifelong Learning**

**Virtual Reality &  
Simulation**

**E- learning**

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/09/is-online-learning-the-future-of-education>

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/06/21-places-to-learn-critical-skills-that-will-change-your-life>

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# The Multiple Windows to Student-centered Education

## eLearning

**Interesting Facts**

- The term eLearning entered into 2009
- One of the fastest growing sectors
- The Indian education system has not previously been really open to technology
- The Indian system is traditional, based on rote learning and memorization, with a focus on the written word, and a lack of emphasis on critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity
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## Future Education

**Future Education: Skills which are a prerequisite and a challenge**

**Top 10 Skills**

In 2015	In 2020
• Complex Problem Solving	• Complex Problem Solving
• Creativity	• Creativity
• People Management	• People Management
• Critical Thinking	• Critical Thinking
• Innovation	• Innovation
• Quality Control	• Quality Control
• Service Orientation	• Service Orientation
• Analytical Thinking	• Analytical Thinking
• Learning Strategy	• Learning Strategy
• Creativity	• Creativity

## OOCs & MOOCs

**Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)**

**AutoCAD**

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## Mobility

**What is a Mobile Learning?**

**Mobile Learning**

**Mobile Learning**

## Flexible Learning

**The Learning in the 21st Century**

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## Virtual Reality - Gamification

**3D Virtual Reality - Gamification**

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## Transferability of learning experiences

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## Lifelong Learning

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# Flexible learning

- Flexible learning is a principle of practice in formal education, concerned with increasing flexibility in the
  - requirements
  - time and location of study
  - teaching
  - assessment
  - certification
- It has become synonymous with **online learning** in recent years or **blended learning**



# Life Long Learning

Trends that determine LLL:

- Influenced by eLearning & available technologies
- Learn any time, any place
- Technology is getting better, cheaper, accessible
- Boundaries among disciplines dissolve
- Transdisciplinary education in the form of specialized programs
- Open Learning philosophy: open admissions, open timeframes, open access learning resources



# The end of traditional university as we know it?

- Not really
- But micromasters, nanodegrees, one-off classes, specialization, are all justifiable
- Follow the others in the business?
- Rather than copying Stanford or MIT, ask:
  - what does my institution do better than any other?
  - where do we have the expertise?
- Make your point through ***limited outstanding programs*** in which the entire world knows that to study area X someone must go to your school
- Local universities will become educational service providers in other countries?
- Global universities will emerge?



# Education will never disappear

## The concepts that will shape the future of education during the next 20 years

1. Diverse time and place
2. Personalized learning
3. Free choice
4. Project based
5. Field experience
6. Data interpretation
7. Exams will change completely
8. Student ownership
9. Mentoring will become more important





# 10 Characteristics of Student-Centered Experiences





- Progress in all fronts







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# Thank you

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