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Abstract

According to Thomas Friedman's book, The World is Flat, worldwide economic trends are flattening. In education, however, opportunities for learning are actually expanding or opening up through a myriad of emerging distance technologies. Curt Bonk’s extension of “The World is Flat,” “The World is Open: How Web Technology is Revolutionizing Education” will be released in July 2009. The opportunities detailed in “The World is Open” (TWiO) book can be seen in ten technology trends that spell the acronym: “WE-ALL-LEARN.” From online content in the form of e-books, podcasts, streamed videos, and satellite maps to participatory environments such as social networking, wikis, and alternate reality worlds, technology-based learning continues to open new learning pathways. At the same time, more instructors are sharing their course materials and teaching ideas globally, thereby expanding learning opportunities and resources.

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