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Keynote - Open Educational Resources - Recent Developments and Future Promises

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Open Educational Resources (OER) have been a topic in the discourse on education in a digital world for many years. Starting as a grassroots movement it politically took off in Germany only in 2016 when the first funding program was published. This was much later than in other countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom or France but Germany showed itself eager to catch up and financed several programs in order to raise awareness for OER.

The topic has regained attention and popularity, especially in the wake of the corona pandemic, through the increased implementation of online classes and webinars. In recent years, numerous state portals have been created by the federal states that provide OER and also support the creation of OER. OER policies are also being increasingly introduced at universities. In addition, the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) presented the federal government's OER strategy in July 2022 and announced future funding programs.

Besides the political history and future prospects linked to OER we look at the embedding of OER in learning scenarios and what promises and expectations are associated with the use of OER. How do they help in moving towards a new culture of learning and the implementation of Open Educational Practices? Which further potentials can be drawn from OER? OER tend to create a vision a digital easy-to-use learning environment. How easy are OER really implemented and how can we ensure high quality resources are used in these environments?

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