India-UK Forum on Policy and Practice in Online and Distance Higher Education

Wednesday 25th June2025

Hosted by the University of London Centre for Online and Distance Education ([CODE](#))

[This forum](#) will focus on some shared challenges and approaches to sustainable, scalable and quality assured online and distance higher education. We will draw together national and international insight to identify key considerations, with a focus on effective approaches to provision in this mode.

The session topics are based on aspects that were addressed by colleagues at the round table at the British Council in Delhi on 30th January 2025.

<u>This is an online event.</u>

PROGRAMME

Time in India	Time in UK	Session
14.00 – 14.10	09.30 – 09.40	**Greetings and introductions**
14.10 – 14.15	09.40 – 09.45	**Welcome to the Forum** o **Dr Linda Amrane-Cooper**, Director CODE, Director of Academic Practice in Distance Education, University of London, UK
14.15 – 15.15	09.45 – 10.45	**Designing effective learning experiences at scale** India and UK speakers 15 mins each, 30 mins discussion o **Professor Uma Kanjilal**, Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University, India o **Dr Margaret Korosec**, Dean of Online and Digital Education, University of Leeds, UK
15.15 – 16.15	10.45 – 11.45	**Strategic approaches to successful student engagement and wellbeing** India and UK speakers 15 mins each, 30 mins discussion o **Professor Norbert Pachler**, Pro-Vice-Provost (Teaching, Learning, Digital Education), UCL, UK o **Dr Parimala Veluvali**, Director and Associate Professor, Symbiosis School for Online and Digital Learning Symbiosis International (Deemed University), India
16.15 – 16.30	**11.45 – 12.00**	**Break**

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16.30 – 17.30	12.00 – 13.00	**Assessment for student success** India and UK speakers 15 mins each, 30 mins discussion ○ **Professor Ajay Jaiswal**, Principal, School of Open Learning, University of Delhi ○ **Professor Alan Tait**, Emeritus Professor of Distance Education and Development, Open University and Centre for Online and Distance Education, University of London, UK
17.30 – 18.00	13.00 – 13.30	**Wrap-up discussion and next steps**
18.00	**13.30**	**Close**