

## **Keynote**

### **A teaching philosophy for digital education: the Manifesto for Teaching Online**

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#### **Abstract**

The Manifesto for Teaching Online [<http://www.de.ed.ac.uk/project/manifesto-teaching-online>] is the work of the Digital Education group at the University of Edinburgh, written to articulate a position in opposition to many of the dominant discourses surrounding the field of online learning. The manifesto works against the technicist and instrumentalist assumptions surrounding teaching online, attempting to move higher education toward a better understanding of the critical, creative and generative potential of the digital mode.

This keynote will introduce some of the key points of the manifesto, expanding on these to explore what a critical approach to education online might look like at a moment when the notion of 'technology as a tool' is giving way to a deeper understanding of the influence of data, automation, openness and distance on higher education teaching.