Is technology failing higher education?

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What is higher education for?
The University’s Crisis of Purpose

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The world economic crisis and the election of Barack Obama will change the future of higher education. Even as universities, both public and private, face unanticipated financial constraints, the president has called on them to assist in solving problems from health care delivery to climate change to economic recovery.

American universities have long struggled to meet almost irreconcilable demands: to be practical as well as transcendent; to assist immediate national needs and to pursue knowledge for its own sake; to both add value and question values. And in the past decade and a half, such conflicting and unbounded expectations have yielded a wave of criticism on issues...

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What are universities for?
Coalition policies have led to a surge of interest in debating the purpose of higher education

Harriet Swain
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Should universities be about learning for its own sake? Photograph: Graham Turner
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Purpose: Study civil law and protect foreign students

Technology: Book
Middle Ages

Purpose: Reconcile Aristotle’s works with church teachings

Technology: Books
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RUDOLPHINAE,
QUIBUS ASTRONOMICÆ SCIENTIÆ, TEMPO-
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TA ANNO CHRISTI MDLX; EXINDE OBSERVATIONIBUS
SIDERUM ACCURATISSIMIS, POST ANNUM PRÆCIPUE MDLXXI,
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DIGNITATIBUS.

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Novum Rudolphi Imp. anno MDIIIC.

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What is failure?
failure (noun)

1. State or condition of not meeting a desirable or intended objective, opposite of success.

2. An object, person or endeavour in a state of failure or incapable of success.

3. Termination of the ability of an item to perform its required function, breakdown.
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