



## UNESCO releases new publication on Open Educational Resources

***Open Educational Resources: Conversations in Cyberspace* brings together the background papers and reports from the first three years of activities in the UNESCO OER Community. Access the online edition – or buy the book!**

Education systems today face two major challenges: expanding the reach of education and improving its quality. Traditional solutions will not suffice, especially in the context of today's knowledge-intensive societies.

Open Educational Resources offer one solution for extending learning opportunities. The goal of the OER movement is to equalize access to knowledge worldwide through sharing online high quality content. Open Educational Resources are digitalized materials offered freely and openly for use and reuse in teaching, learning and research.

Since 2005, UNESCO has been at the forefront of building awareness about this movement by facilitating an extended conversation in cyberspace. A large and diverse international community has come together to discuss the concept and potential of OER in a series of online forums.



The background papers and reports from the first three years of community activities are now available in print. **Open Educational Resources: Conversations in Cyberspace** provides an overview of the first steps of this exciting new development: it captures the conversations between leaders of some of the first OER projects, and documents early debates on the issues that continue to challenge the movement. The publication will provide food for thought for all those intrigued by OER – its promise and its progress.

**Open Educational Resources: Conversations in Cyberspace** is UNESCO's first openly licensed publication – an indication of the commitment of the Organization to the sharing of knowledge and the free flow of ideas.

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### ***About the UNESCO OER Community...***

Active since 2005, the community connects almost 900 individuals in over 100 countries to share information and work collaboratively on issues surrounding the production and use of Open Educational Resources.

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