Technology and Education

The rapid growth of technology is transforming the labor market and education itself. What are the most recent advances in education technology, and how is it being used in PreK-16 settings? How are we preparing young people to participate in the society and economy of the future? What are policies and practices that develop necessary human capital when it comes to technology in learning and working environments?

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