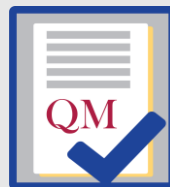


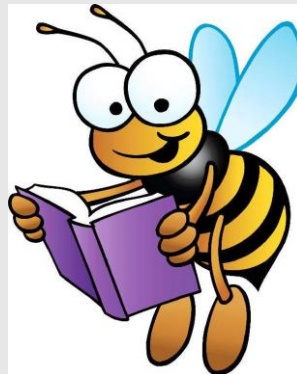


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# What is it? What are your go-to sources?



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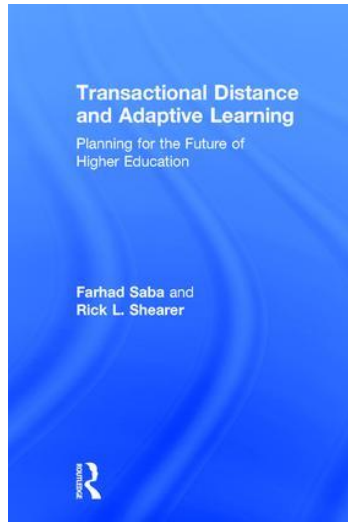
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# Beginning of a lit review



Google Scholar search results for "transactional distance". The search shows approximately 139,000 results. The first result is "[DOC] Theory of transactional distance" by MG Moore, published in 1993. The second result is "Bridging the transactional distance gap in online learning environments" by DS Stein and CE Wenstreet, published in 2005. The third result is "A critical analysis of transactional distance theory" by P Gorsky, published in 2005. The fourth result is "Dimensions of transactional distance in the world wide web learning environment: a factor analysis" by YJ Chen, published in 2001. The fifth result is "The global disconnect: the role of transactional distance and scale economies".



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- **Which hot topic?**
- **What would you stop to read?**
- **Why?**



# Studying our own contexts

- Interaction/communication in learning (18%)
- Instructional design (17%)
- Learner characteristics (16%)
- Distance teaching systems & institutions (9%)
- Educational technology (7%)
- Quality assurance (6%)
- Professional development & faculty support (6%)





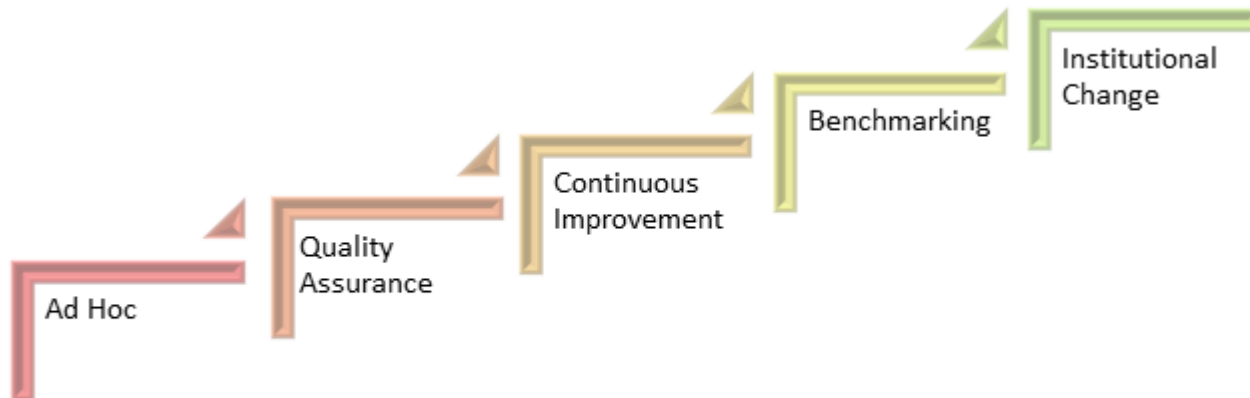
## HE Themes

- LO a basic assumption
- More sophisticated methods
- Pedagogy drives technology
- Constructivism/Col
- “Research” found in journals & profession media
- Accessibility & inclusivity increasing

## K-12 Themes

- Following HE lead
- Primarily studies in pre-service
- Increasing focus on design-related
- Focus on interaction moving deeper into learner engagement

# It's complicated



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