

The 2013 Deep Conversations

The Deep Conversations at Ci2013 will be an opportunity to share in-depth viewpoints with world class thought leaders about some of the key issues, challenges and opportunities facing the future of civilization today. The sessions will be facilitated by excellent moderators.

Wednesday 27th November

La Trobe Ballroom, Sofitel Melbourne On Collins, 25 Collins St

Deep Conversation 1 over lunch (12:15-2:15pm)

Education: Learning to Embrace the Future

With Professor Stephen Heppell (UK), Bunker Roy (India), Meagan Fallone (India), Richard Bolt (Australia), Dr Alan Finkel, Rufus Black and the audience



Moderator: Michele Levine

Is education going to lead or follow us in "the race to the future?" We -- of all ages-- need to learn and adapt to the onrushing future. How will institution-based education play a key role in leading society in this massive change exercise? Or will it come to the party years too late? How will the last generation of teachers keep up with the current or future generation of learners?

Will teaching or learning be most important? Will individuals take the lead on their own learning journeys, empowered by freely available information and massively open online courses? Is it really the year of the MOOC (massive online open courses), as the New York Times claims?

What's the role of technology in education, anyway? From little kids fingering ipads to grannies keeping up with the computer revolution and monitoring their medical health needs, what does all this mean to the way people learn? And from developing world to the developed world who stands to make the greatest gains due to the mix of technology and education? Will the digital divide become one further chasm between those with financial resources and those without? Or is technology a great equaliser, giving the young girl in India with a passion for learning the chance to learn from the world's best and brightest in every single field?

And what about the role of ethics and culture in our society? Schools have had a strong role in socialisation and norm-formation over the centuries. As technology and information flow take on a global cast and often a lurid, entertainment-focused approach, what happens to ethical and cultural development? Are economics and ethics in conflict in our education policies? How can we better balance them?

This Deep Conversation asks the really tough questions of how we can make the most out of our technological progress, while enhancing our humanity and our society's strengths.

Deep Conversation 2 with Supper (7:15-9:45pm)

Are You Ready for the Race to the Future? At the starting line or still getting suited up?

With Bjorn Lomborg (Czech Republic), Jon Duschinsky (Canada), Scott Anthony (Singapore), Peggy Liu (China), Jason Drew (South Africa) and the audience



Moderator: Robyn Williams

The future is not what it used to be – less certain and coming quicker than at any time in human existence.

How will the next 20 years be dramatically different because of the big demographic, environmental and economic shifts? What do we – as individuals, organisations and communities – need to prepare ourselves for this race to the future?



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There will be fewer formal jobs even in the mega corporations and more entrepreneurs tackling niche opportunities some of which will be global. We have to put the eco back into economy and understand that all our creativity needs to be focused on fixing the future to provide food and work for all.

We will face a rapidly changing environment. Water and food scarcity could change society and break communities and force environmental migration.

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Companies and governments will have to move rapidly (and ethically!) and with more consideration of an inclusive society – otherwise we risk our global civilization collapsing as have all regional civilizations before us. How we manage this transition to a new way of being will define the 21st century for humanity.

How do you play your part in this rapidly changing future? What practical choices do you need to consider to both influence and shape the future? What role will you play in this race? Train, coach, run or just watch and pray!!

