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# Inevitability of New Economics



- Concentration of wealth is increasing
- Income gaps are widening
- Employmentless economic growth seems the new norm
- Return on Investment in capital and technology is usually better than labor
- Future technologies can replace much of human labor
- Long-term structural unemployment is a “business as usual” surprise free forecast
- What can we do about this?



# Future Work/Technology 2050 Study



1. Literature and Related Research Review
2. Real-Time Delphi
3. Three Global Scenario Drafts to 2050
4. Separate RTDelphi Feedback on each Scenario
5. Final Scenarios, Policy issues, and workshop considerations
- 6. National Workshops**
7. Collect results of the national planning workshops, analyze & synthesize results
8. Final report for public discussion

# What is Different About This Future Work & AI Study?



1. It is an international study with the participation of over 350 futurists, AI professionals, economists, and other related experts from over 45 countries.
2. It does not focus on just one country or one occupational group.
3. It does not just look at AI's & robotics' impacts on work, but also synthetic biology, 3D/4D printing, nanotechnology, VR & AR, and other future tech.
4. Longer-range: 2050 helps us look secondary & tertiary consequences and discusses cultural change
5. Creates three global scenarios to the year 2050.
6. National strategy workshops to stimulate long-range strategic thinking.
7. Compares national workshop results and feeds back to participating countries.
8. As a result, this study focuses on what to do, rather than know many jobs will be lost and when.

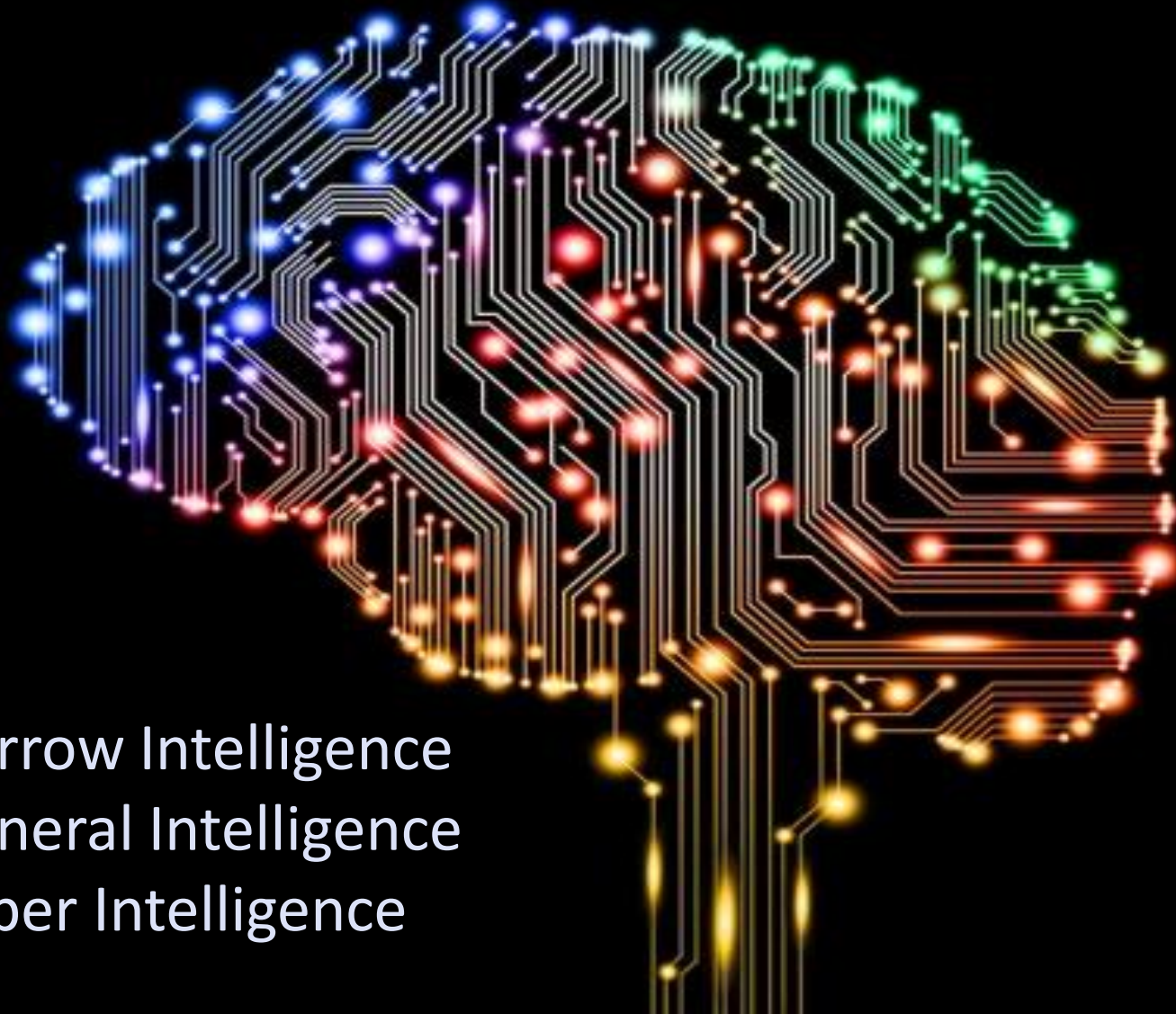
# Three forms of Artificial Intelligence



**These three  
are often  
lumped  
together as  
AI**

**This  
confuses  
the  
discussion  
about AI**

1. Artificial Narrow Intelligence
2. Artificial General Intelligence
3. Artificial Super Intelligence



# Next Technologies (NT) = all together:



Artificial Intelligence

Robotics

Synthetic Biology & Genomics

Computational Science

Cloud & Big Data Analytics

Artificial & Augmented Reality

Nanotechnology

IoT, Tele-Everything & Tele-Everybody, the Semantic Web

Quantum computing

Tele-Presence, Holographic Communications

Intelligence augmentation

Collective Intelligence

3D/4D Printing of Materials and Biology

Drones, Driverless Cars (and other autonomous vehicles)

Conscious-Technology

**Synergies Among These**

# Synergies of photovoltaics, robotics, satellites, AI, drones, ICT, and genetic engineering



# Global Work/Technology Scenarios 2050



1. It's Complicated - A Mixed Bag
2. Political/Economic Turmoil – Future Despair
3. If Humans Were Free – The Self-Actualizing Economy

# Global Employment Assumptions

## Workforce 3 billion 2000; 6 billion 2050



	<b>Scenario 1</b> Business as Usual	<b>Scenario 2</b> Political Turmoil	<b>Scenario 3</b> Self-Actualization
Employed	2 Billion	1 Billion	1 Billion
Self-Employed	2 Billion	1 Billion	3 Billion
Unemployed or in transition	1 Billion	2 Billion	1 Billion
Informal Economy	1 Billion	2 Billion	1 Billion

# Future Work/Tech 2050 Global Scenarios



## **Scenario 1. It's Complicated – A Mixed Bag**

A business-as-usual trend projection of the increasing acceleration of change with both intelligence and stupidity characterized decisionmaking. Irregular adoption of advance technology; high unemployment where governments did not create long-range strategies, and mixed success on the use of universal basic income. Giant corporation's powers have often grown beyond government control, in this government-corporate, virtual-3D, multi-polar world of 2050.

## **Scenario 2: Political/Economic Turmoil – Future Despair**

Governments did not anticipate the impacts of artificial general intelligence and had no strategies in place as unemployment exploded in the 2030s leaving the world of 2050 in political turmoil. Social polarism and political grid-lock in many forms have grown. Global order has deteriorated into a combination of nation-states, mega-corporations, local militias, terrorism, and organized crime.

## **Scenario 3: If Humans Were Free – the Self-Actualization Economy**

Governments did anticipate the impacts of artificial general intelligence, conducted extensive research on how to phase in universal basic income systems, and promoted self-employment. Artists, media moguls, and entertainers helped to foster cultural change from an employment culture to a self-actualization economy.



# Scenario 1: It's Competed – A Mixed Bag



- A business-as-usual trend projection of the increasing acceleration of change with both intelligence and stupidity characterized decisionmaking (or lack of decisionmaking)
- Irregular adoption of NT
- High unemployment where governments did not create long-range strategies to address NT impacts
- Mixed success on the use of universal basic income
- Giant corporation's powers have often grown beyond government control, in this government-corporate, virtual-3D multi-polar, complex world of 2050

# Some More Elements of Scenario 1



- Personal AI/Avatars finding new markets/work on a daily basis
- Growth of synthetic biology much greater than expected and one key driver in economic growth, but also source of bio-disasters, new terrorist weapons, and income for organized crime
- Crowd sourced investments, sharing economy, and some UBI helped spread new wealth
- Some income gaps narrowed, still wide enough for migrations and social unrest
- NT used for good and bad, like the Internet today, increasing costs of security, and Anti-NT backlash
- Basic income experiments were more successful after the 2030s
- NT to augment human labor not replace all jobs
- NT Databases (Labor Unions, Business, Gov, collaborations)

Planes are different than birds, **but both** fly.



AGI/robots are different than humans, **but both** learn and seem conscious



Although this is a dumb photo, as AI/robots would not read a book in this old fashion way.

# Will STEM Education (S&T, Engineering, Mathematics) Make a Difference?



**After 2030, as AGI learns how to learn in general, simultaneously and world/wide?**

**Mixed focus on increasing intelligence, creativity, critical thinking, human relations, philosophy, ethics, values, and civics.**



# Scenario 2: Political/Economic Turmoil: Future Despair



- Political grid-lock increases political, economic, environmental migrations, which increases ethnic conflicts increasing fragmentation
- Protectionist concentration of wealth continues, organized crime and corporations grow beyond control, Internet is no longer trusted
- 3D/4D printing and renewable energy reduced international shipping and other trade systems
- Financial systems cannot support ageing societies and massive youth unemployment, leading to periodic financial crises
- ISTO fails as it becomes new medium for information warfare, and paranoia
- Governments did not anticipate the scale of NT; hence no strategies to address increasing mass unemployment

# Some More Elements of Scenario 2



- Education systems unable to keep up with change
- No serious efforts to affect culture through the arts and media, instead more to keep the masses busy
- Lack of international S&T agreements, several synthetic biology and AI disasters, leading to neo-luddite revolts
- New political movements form to counter income gaps, unemployment, but most are unsuccessful, many survivalists communities living off the grid
- AGI 2030 unemployment explodes; political turmoil; growth of corporate power and organized crime fills the gap by 2050
- Fossil fuel and livestock consumption continues, CO<sub>2</sub> 750 ppm, ocean currents change, coastal flooding, environmental migrations increases conflicts
- World order has deteriorated into a combination of nation-states, mega-corporations, local militias, terrorist groups, and organized crime.

# Scenario 2 Jobless Migrations



# Scenario 3: If Humans Were Free – the Self-Actualization Economy



- Governments did anticipate Next Tech (NT) impacts
  - Rolling long-range strategies to address future work/tech issues
  - Conducted research on how to phase in universal basic income
  - Promoted innovation and self-employment
  - Focused education on increasing intelligence, creativity, civics, critical thinking, human relations, philosophy, ethics, values
- Artists, media, computer game moguls, and entertainers helped to foster cultural change from an employment culture to a self-actualization economy, and crowd investing reduces income gaps
- Government as referee, participatory/anticipatory democracy supported by national collective intelligence systems



# Some More Elements of Scenario 3



- While business, self-organizing adhocracies, transInstitutions, and tele-nations provide new economic-cultural self-actualization leadership
- Int'l S&T Org online collective intelligence, supports S&T investments in what replaces you, self-employment, AGI and cybercrime agreements
- The UN SDGs mostly achieved; new 2030-50 goals set – increasing intelligence, longevity, universal AGI access, etc.
- AGI begins around 2030; humans augmented with NT for co-evolution
- AI/AGI augmented geniuses and symbiosis; global AI/cloud quantum computing education/learning systems reduce much inequality
- Self-employed mentally healthy aging population not financial burden
- Personal AI/Avatars find markets, work, experience for self-actualization

# Will our AI/Avatars wake us up in the morning with new work... each day?



## One-Person Businesses

Find markets around the world for what you are interested in doing

not non-existing jobs

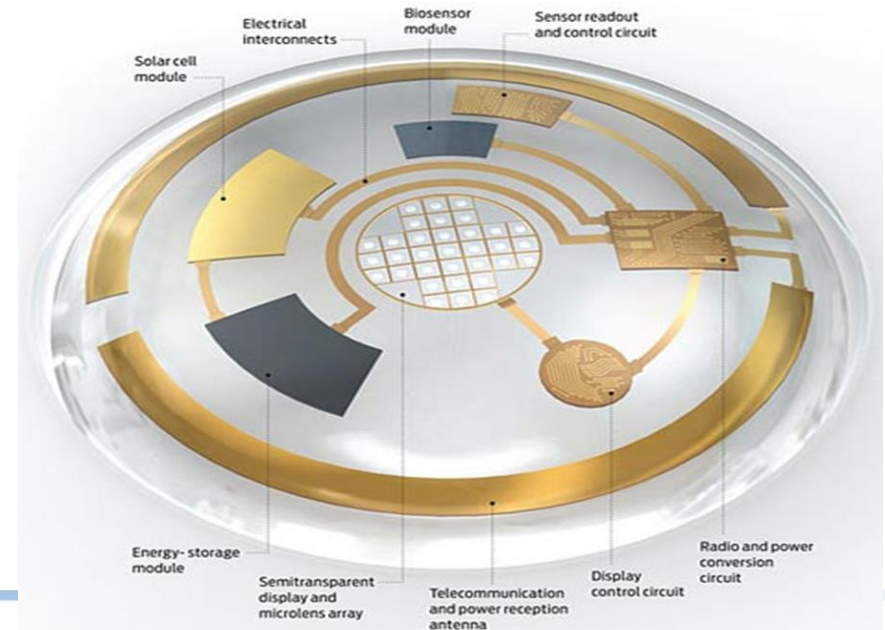


What could this look like in 2050?

# Steve Jobs and Bill Gates 1991



By **2030-2050** millions of people could become augmented geniuses, and what could they create?



**If you can't beat AGI and ASI,  
... why not join with them?  
... and evolve together?**



# Future Work-Tech 2050 Workshops



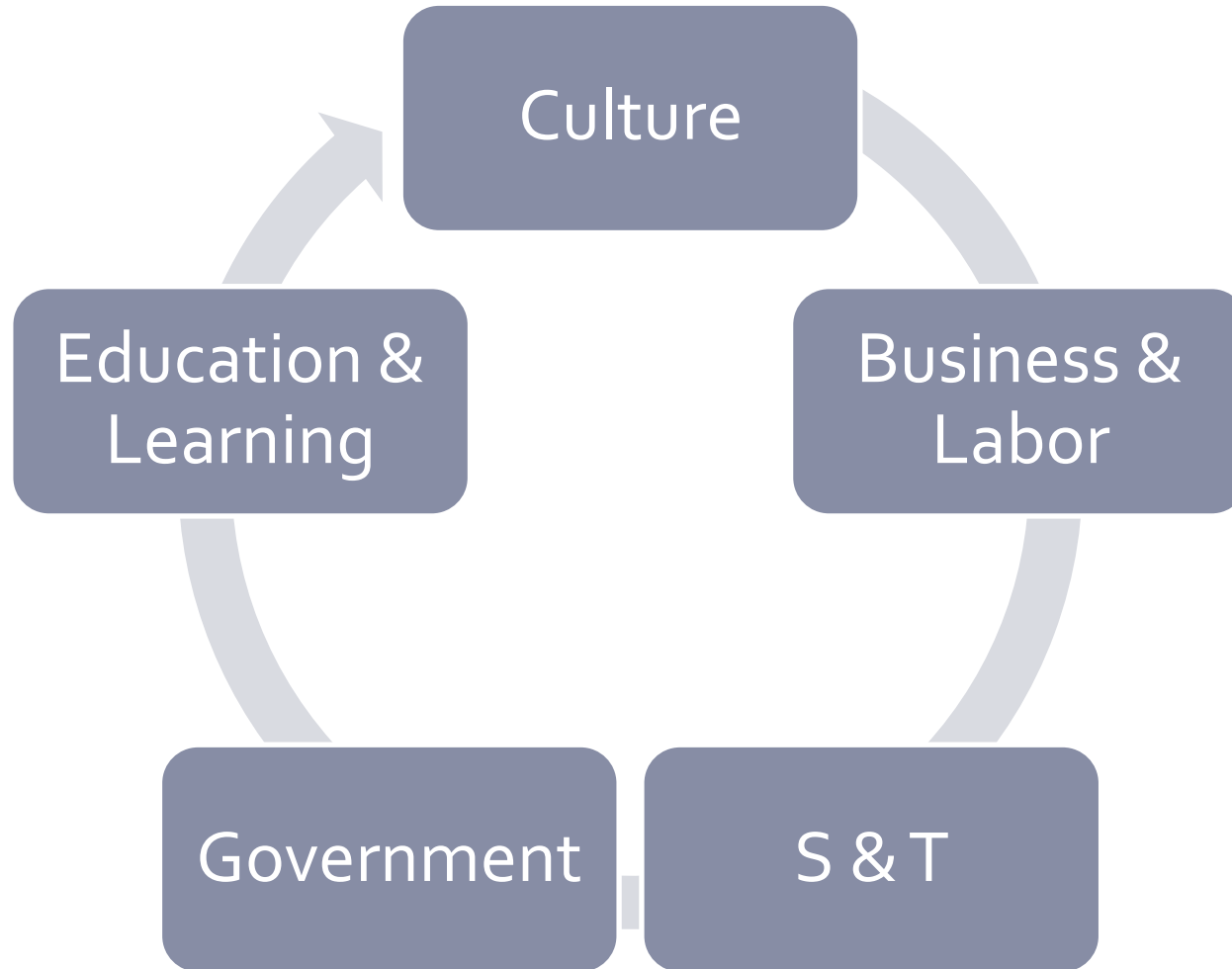
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Italy	Pakistan	Romania	Greece
Spain (Basque)		Sri Lanka	India
South Korea			Montenegro
			Slovenia
			Spain - Madrid
			Tunisia
			United Kingdom
			United States

# Examples of Issues for National Long-Range Strategy



1. **Education**: How should education, training, and learning systems change? And what strategies will make that happen?
  2. **Government**: Will a guaranteed income program become necessary? What kind? When? Cash flow projections to show what is possible?
  3. **S&T** (AI/Robotics/synthetic biology/nanotech) changes affecting work by 2025, 2035, 2050?
  4. **Culture**: What changes in culture will be needed? culture that says jobs/employment is the source of self-respect?
  5. **Business/Labor**: What should be the roles of private business in a national long-range strategy? Reducing income gaps and concentration of wealth.
- These issues become the Workshops Groups

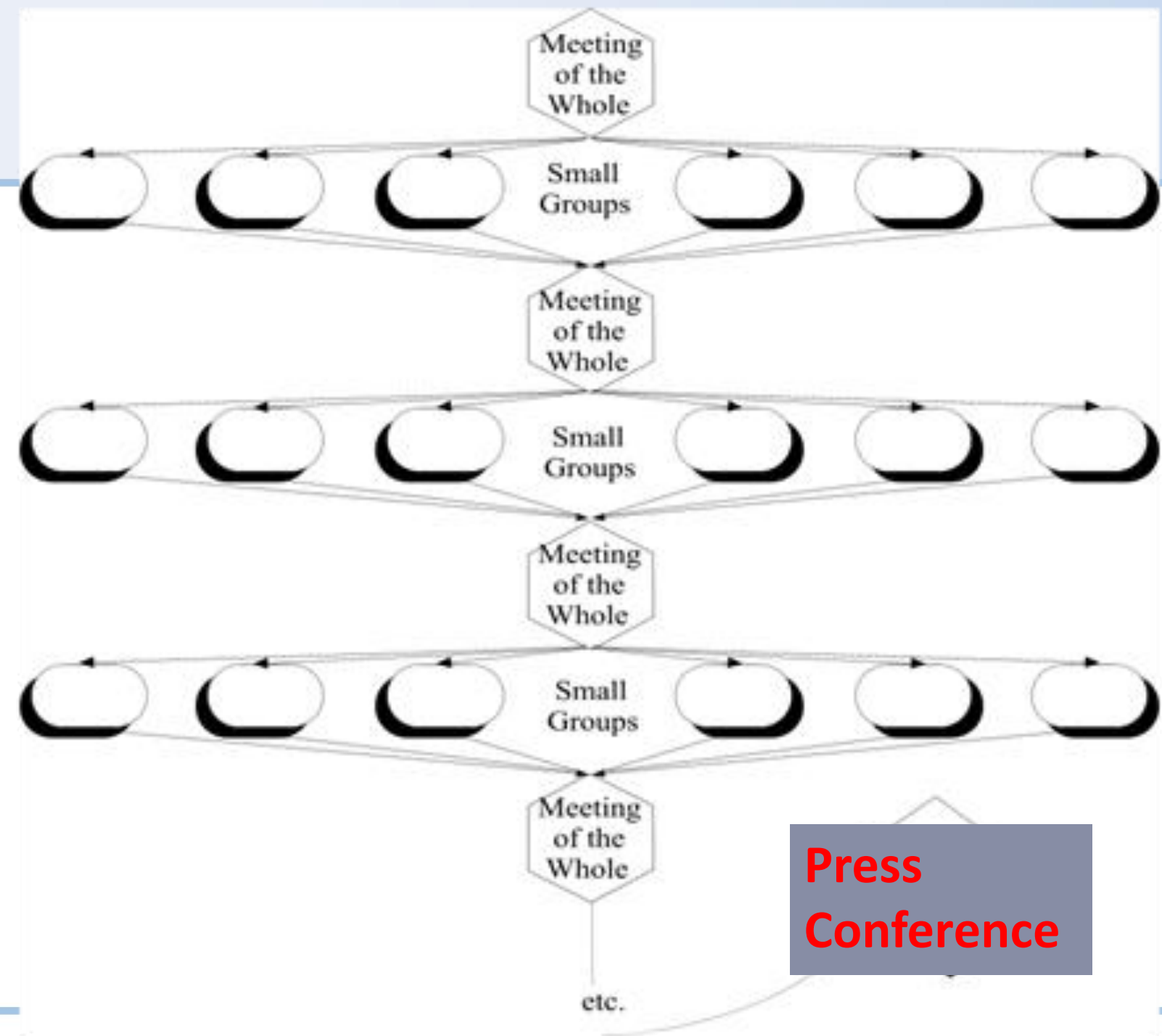
# Workshop Discussion Groups





# Charrette Workshop Process

From the whole to the parts – back and forth – so the parts are consistent with the whole set of strategies





# Milano, Italy Work/Tech 2050 Workshop



Joint  
Charrette  
with  
Singularity  
University in  
Milano, Italy  
July 11<sup>th</sup>



## Discussion Groups:

1. Educ./culture,
2. Government,
3. S&T
4. Bus&wWork

# Seoul, Korea Work/Tech 2050 Workshop



Mini-Charrette with five discussion groups.  
April, 2016

## **Discussion Groups:**

1. Government,
2. Education
3. Culture
4. Business
5. Education

# Some Considerations for National Strategy



## Education/Learning:

- Make increasing intelligence an objective of education
- In parallel to STEM, create self-paced inquiry-based learning for self-actualization
- Begin shift from mastering a profession to mastering combinations of skills
- Increased focus on developing creativity, critical thinking, human relations, philosophy, entrepreneurship, self-employment, ethics, and values.

## Government:

- Produce alternative cash flow projections for universal basic income (consider: License and tax AI/robots and their creations, reduction of tax havens, value added tax, and taxes on carbon, massive wealth growth from new technologies, minimum corporate tax, etc.).
- Work with other countries to establish the International S&T Organization (ISTO)
- Create and implement a global counter organized crime strategy
- Add TransInstitutional law in addition to for-profit and non-profit law

# Some Considerations for National Strategy



## Science & Technology

- Augment Movement – Tech to augment humans; not replace them
- What are the likely impacts of AI and AGI? When?
- Could synthetic biology create more jobs than AI replaces?
- Create ISTO (International S&T Organization as an online collective intelligence system not as a new bureaucracy)

## Culture:

- Arts, media, entertainment, computer games to explore cultural transition to self-actualization economy
- Media/Arts Alliance to create the “One Species” movement
- Invest into what replaces you.

# Some Considerations for National Strategy



## Business & Labor

- Invest in and promote Kickstarter-like crowd sourcing platforms to expand business startups and share the wealth of success
- Create personal AI/Avatars to support self-employment
- Individual augment genius apps
- International collaboration to create ISTO
- Synergetic intelligence, synergetic advantage and strategy as well as competitive intelligence, complete advantage and strategy
- Quality as well as productivity
- Memes in advertisements to help create the cultural transition
- World Billionaires Club on Global Strategic Philanthropy
- World Cyber Game to explore self-employment
- New roles for labor unions – Augment Movement; NT Data base

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