

# EVOLVING PATHWAYS OF THE FUTURES STUDIES HISTORIES IN THE WORLD: A LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE

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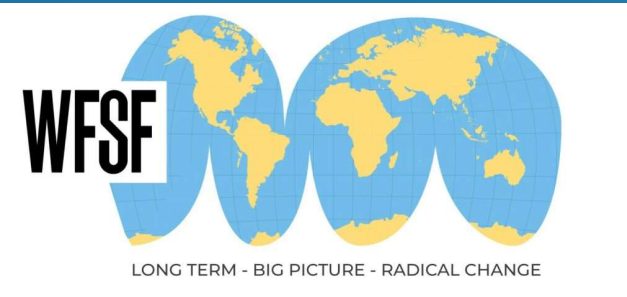
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## FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN TIMES

- ▶ **EARLY & DISTANT AGE: PROPHECY, ESCHATOLOGY, ASTROLOGY, SHAMANISM, MYSTICISM, SUFISM, END OF TIME THINKING, FUNDAMENTALISM, TIME IS CYCLIC OR LINEAR OR A COMBINATION, DELPHI TEMPLE, ADVISORS TO KINGS, JOSPEH & TA'WIL AL-AHAADITH.**
- ▶ **PRE & NEAR MODERN AGE: RENAISSANCE, ENLIGHTENMENT, RATIONALISM, HUMANISM, LIBERALISM, INDIVIDUALISM, SECULARISM, EXISTENTIALISM, ENVIRONMENTALISM, NATURALISM, PANTHEISM, GLOBALISM, STRUCTURALISM, COLLECTIVISM, ...(A PROLIFERATION OF IDEOLOGIES).**
- ▶ **MODERN AGE: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION, CENTRAL FIVE YEAR (ECONOMIC) DEVELOPMENT PLANS, TECHNOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL INNOVATION, WESTERNIZATION, CORNUCOPIANISM, ANTHROPOCENTRISM, TECHNOLOGICAL DETERMINISM.**
- ▶ **POST & BEYOND MODERN AGE: POSTSTRUCTURALISM, POSTHUMANISM, PLURALISM, MULTILATERALISM, MULTICULTURALISM, POSTCOLONIALISM, INDIGENOUS FUTURES, SELF TRANSFORMATION, METAMODERNISM, SINGULARITARIANISM, TRANSHUMANISM, THE FAR FUTURES OF HUMANITY & CIVILIZATIONAL & PLANETARY FUTURES.**

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## **IDENTIFICATION OF WAVES, TRADITIONS AND SCHOOLS**

- ▶ **THE FIVE WAVES OF FUTURES**
- ▶ **FIRST WAVE: ORAL TRADITION; MYSTICS & PRIESTS**
- ▶ **SECOND WAVE: EARLY WRITTEN AGE; IBN KHALDUN, NOSTRADAMUS, THOMAS MORE, ROBERT BOYLE**
- ▶ **THIRD WAVE: EXTRACTION AND ENLIGHTENMENT; AUGUSTE COMTE, H.G. WELLS, SOVIET PLANNING**
- ▶ **FOURTH WAVE: SYSTEMS AND CYBERNETICS; RAND, HERMAN KAHN, SHELL, GBN, THE LIMITS TO GROWTH**
- ▶ **FIFTH WAVE: COMPLEXITY AND EMERGENCE; INTEGRAL FUTURES, CLA, EXPERIENTIAL FUTURES**

**SCHULTZ, WENDY. (2015). A BRIEF HISTORY OF FUTURES. WORLD FUTURE REVIEW. 7. 324-331.  
10.1177/1946756715627646.**

## **IDENTIFICATION OF WAVES, TRADITIONS AND SCHOOLS**

- ▶ **THE EMPIRICAL-POSITIVIST, USA, 1960S**
- ▶ **THE CRITICAL-NORMATIVE, EU, 1970S**
- ▶ **THE CULTURAL-INTERPRETIVE**
- ▶ **THE EMPOWERMENT-ACTIVIST, 1990S**
- ▶ **THE INTEGRAL/TRANSDISCIPLINARY**


**GIDLEY, JENNIFER M. (2017) THE FUTURE: A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS.**



**MODERN FUTURES STUDIES, ALSO KNOWN AS FORESIGHT,  
EMERGED IN THE MID-20TH CENTURY AS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY  
FIELD FOCUSED ON EXPLORING PROBABLE, POSSIBLE, AND  
PREFERABLE FUTURES**





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## **ESSENTIAL MILESTONE ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS**

**FUTURE SHOCK (1970)**

**THE LIMITS TO GROWTH (1972)**

**THE IMAGE OF THE FUTURE (1973)**

**THE COMING OF THE POSTINDUSTRIAL SOCIETY (1973)**

**FUTURE MIND: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (1989)**

**THE ART OF THE LONG VIEW (1991)**

**WHY FUTURES STUDIES? (1993)**

**NEW THINKING FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM (1996)**

**FOUNDATIONS OF FUTURES STUDIES (1997)**

**FUTURING (2005)**

**FUTURES RESEARCH METHODOLOGY 3.0 (2009)**

**THE FUTURE: A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION (2017)**

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## **INSTITUTIONALIZATIONS (NETWORK OF NETWORKS)**

- ▶ **WFS (WORLD FUTURE SOCIETY) – 1966**
- ▶ **WFSF (WORLD FUTURES STUDIES FEDERATION) – 1973**
- ▶ **MP (THE MILLENNIUM PROJECT) – 1996**
- ▶ **APF (ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL FUTURISTS) -2002**
- ▶ **UNESCO (UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION)**
- ▶ **OECD (ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT )**
- ▶ **EPAS (EUROPEAN STRATEGY AND POLICY ANALYSIS SYSTEM)**
- ▶ **ICESCO (ISLAMIC WORLD EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION)**
- ▶ **WNRF (WORLD NETWORK OF RELIGIOUS FUTURISTS)**
- ▶ **IFRA (INTERNATIONAL FUTURES RESEARCH ACADEMY)**
- ▶ **GFS (GLOBAL FUTURES SOCIETY)**
- ▶ **APFN (ASIA PACIFIC FUTURES NETWORK)**
- ▶ **FFCI (USA FEDERAL FORESIGHT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST)**
  - ▶ **FRAGMENTATION VS. DIVERSIFICATION, VS. STANDARDIZATION, VS. CONSOLIDATION,**
    - ▶ **INTERNATIONALIZATION VS. LOCALIZATION,**
    - ▶ **ELITISM VS EGALITARIANISM, EXCLUSIVENESS VS. INCLUSIVENESS,**

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## **CLOSELY RELATED FIELDS AND DISCIPLINES**

- ▶ **FORECASTING**
  - ▶ **TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT & POLICY ANALYSIS**
  - ▶ **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES**
  - ▶ **THE SOCIOTECHNICAL IMAGINARIES**
  - ▶ **COMPLEXITY & DATA SCIENCE**
  - ▶ **TRANSDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**
  - ▶ **GLOBALIZATION STUDIES**
  - ▶ **POSSIBILITY STUDIES**
  - ▶ **CONSCIOUSNESS STUDIES**
  - ▶ **SCIENCE FICTION STUDIES**
  - ▶ **ANTICIPATION**
  - ▶ **(ANTICIPATORY) ANTHROPOLOGY**
  - ▶ **FUTURES STUDIES COULD BE AN EXTENSION OF ANY STUDIES**
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## **How to find new books in the field of futures studies**

**A useful tip for the promotion and marketing of books in the field of futures studies:**

**Among the publishers and bookstores, libraries, distribution channels, they have a specific standard code for the category:**

**It is SOC037000**

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**Also, using this code on search engines will direct you to the new titles in the field.**

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## RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND ACADEMIA

- ▶ **ACADEMIC JOURNALS:**
- ▶ **FUTURES – ELSEVIER 1968, TECHNOLOGICAL FORECASTING AND SOCIAL CHANGE 1969-**
- ▶ **JOURNAL OF FUTURES STUDIES 1996, FORESIGHT 1999, EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF FUTURES RESEARCH 2013**
- ▶ **GRADUATE AND PHD PROGRAMS:**
- ▶ **UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS 1969-UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII 1971**
- ▶ **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON 1975-FREE UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN 2010-UNIVERSITY OF TURKU 2012**
- ▶ **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON D.C. – 2024; TO BE LAUNCHED WITH DMS FORESIGHT ACADEMY FOR GS-14,15, AND SES IN THE USA FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**
- ▶ **SUCCESSION PLANNING**
- ▶ **WFSF ACCREDITATION**



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## **THE NON-WESTERN CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS**

- ▶ **POST-COLONIAL & DECOLONIZATION, INNOVATION & GROWTH, CIVILIZATIONAL & EMPIRE BUILDING, TRANSLATION MOVEMENT**
- ▶ **MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA, RUSSIA, CHINA,**
- ▶ **PMU- WFSF CHAPTER (SAUDI ARABIA)**
- ▶ **DFF (UAE) – WORLD FORUM**
- ▶ **ISTISHRAF (QATAR) – ACADEMIC JOURNAL**
- ▶ **YEDITEPE UNIVERSITY (TÜRKIYE) – CONFERENCE AND EDUCATION**
- ▶ **LATIN AMERICA- HIGHLY ACTIVE WFSF CHAPTER**
- ▶ **RUSSIA- NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**
- ▶ **CHINA – CHINA SOCIETY FOR FUTURES STUDIES**

## THE NON-WESTERN CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS

- ▶ MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA
- ▶ SUPPORT FROM THE TOP LEADERSHIP AND STRONG POLITICAL WILL & INVESTMENT
- ▶ MOROCCO (IRES, ROYAL THINK TANK)
- ▶ SAUDI ARABIA (VISION 2030, \$500B NEOM & LINE, MUKAAB PROJECTS)
- ▶ IRAN (VISION 2025, ANNUAL ADMISSION 37 PHD, 88 MS, 7 UNIVERSITIES)
- ▶ UAE (DUBAI FUTURE FOUNDATION, \$300M WAQF, 2016, 2000+ FORUM 2023)
- ▶ REMARKABLE FIGURES.
- ▶ SAMIR GHABBOUR (EGYPT), NISREEN AL LAHHAM (EGPYT), MAHDI ELMANDJRA (MOROCCO), WALID ABDEL HAY (JORDAN), KHUDHIR ABBAS ATWAN (IRAQ), DANA MARDUK (IRAQ), YEHEZKEL DROR (ISRAEL), MOSHE DROR (ISRAEL), AHARON HAUPTMAN (ISRAEL), MOHSEN BAHRAMI (IRAN), AGHIL MALEKIFAR (IRAN), MOHSEN TAHERI DEMNEH (IRAN), SHAHINDKOKHT KHARAZMI (IRAN), SAHAR KOUSARI (IRAN), UFUK TARHAN (TÜRKIYE), SEVINÇ TUNALI (TÜRKIYE), MUSTAFA AYKUT (TÜRKIYE), HAKAN GÖL (TÜRKIYE), SULAIMAN MOHAMED ALKAABI (UAE), UMAR SHERAZ (PAKISTAN), PURUESH CHAUDHARY (PAKISTAN) ...

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