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# Next Generation Cities

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Smart Cities

In this lecture, we explore several generations of smart cities promoting visions of high tech civilisations. These visions are based on transhumanism, a philosophy embodying love of technology (technophilia). According to transhumanists, humanity will benefit from unlimited digitalisation, Big Data, artificial intelligence, robotisation, Internet-of-Things, MOOCs, e-government and many other developments. But do we know enough about the long-term cumulative effects of technologies? What about Internet addiction, nature deficit disorder, cyberbullying, cyberstalking, information warfare

and fake news? What about social isolation and alienation or the risks of misusing technologies for surveillance and suppression? Are there any viable alternatives to technofutures? A possible alternative may be learning villages, learning cities and learning regions inspired by a "small is beautiful" approach. This involves a systemic (re)design of all institutions to face the Grand Challenges of the 21st century. Key elements include transformative education, appropriate technologies and community regeneration informed by integral philosophy, transpersonal psychology and deep ecology.



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