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Foreword by May East

Expanding time horizons

Persian poet Rumi once said that there are 1,001 ways of kneeling and kissing the Earth. While there are 1,001 future scenarios arising from economists, population experts, futurists, environmentalists, social cyberneticists and climate scientists, we can synthesize these into two scenarios. Transition is going to happen, either we are going to design and implement it, or we are going to be victims of it. The discussion on how to design the transition should be at the core of every study about the future. This book provides a unique contribution to international debates by exploring the ethical frameworks, mindsets and values that should inform this transition.

The book is pioneering in uniting a constellation of “future thinkers” coming from the three most influential geopolitical regions – Europe, the United States and China – in shaping megatrends that will inform the evolution of humanity and the planet. As the name suggests, megatrends occur at large scale and unfold over extended periods of time. They are backed by verifiable data and involve a complex combination of factors within and between economic, social, political, technological and environmental systems.

To change the culture, we need to change who is included in the conversation. This book is unique in bringing a plurality of foresight interpretations from megatrend “connoisseurs”, who are authorities in prospecting potential bifurcations and ruptures which influence transitions in human civilizations and planetary health, with implications for many over

long timescales. These contributors are helping to foster a future-oriented and anticipatory culture, as well as increasing our understanding of uncertain and unfolding futures.

We create the context for what we imagine. Foresight efforts tend to move away from resolving problems of today to focus on the potential of tomorrow. Analysis of megatrends can help to anticipate long-term societal and environmental shifts that stretch across years, geographies and sectors. In *Futures*, the future is now. Enjoy stretching your time towards a multitude of possible horizons!

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Foreword by Patrick Scauflaire

What is the place of foresight within an institution such as the Université Catholique de Lille? And how does the realization of this work reflect this? To answer these questions, we must go back to the very creation of the university in 1875, specify its original positioning as an actor in the transitions and see how – based on what it is and how it is oriented towards the construction of the future world – it mobilizes an “on-board” or “on the way” foresight, which sheds light on the road, opens up questions and prevents satisfaction of agreed solutions.

Illustration of the social commitment of Christianity

The Université Catholique de Lille – La Catho – was created in 1875 by the Catholic Church and committed Christian entrepreneurs to be a kind of laboratory of Christian social thought, placing the human person at the center of its concerns and training responsible actors capable of combining professional skills and ethical requirements. This creation by actors of the economic world has, from the beginning, given La Catho an orientation towards concrete action, turned towards the future. This orientation is reflected in the deployment of research, teaching and care, as well as in its services to society in accordance with Christian social thought.

The aim of this program is to constantly innovate, experiment and allow each student to find their place. It is a matter of helping the student to reach a deep discernment on the rational, relational, spiritual, emotional and creative levels, allowing them to decide by themselves, with full autonomy and

responsibility, how they want to be in the world. In order to allow and foster this, the capacity for foresight is essential.

The place of foresight

Today, more than ever, it is important for universities to project themselves into the future in order to act *hic et nunc* and to answer the question: How is foresight mobilized? The approach of the Université Catholique de Lille is unique. It takes sides on the purpose of the foresight process that it undertakes. It is not a question of illuminating the future by trying to limit the field of complexity and uncertainty. It is not a question of trying to control one's destiny at the risk of confusing foresight with forecasting. It is not about defining a precise target where a strategic plan lands.

The foresight practiced at the Université Catholique de Lille is an "embedded" foresight. It is mobilized not to provide affirmations or answers, but to open up questioning, to challenge the *status quo* and the dominant ideas, to envisage disruptions, to offer a higher perspective. Above all, it allows us to give meaning to the initiatives that are being promoted and to be an object of mobilization, reflection and creativity.

An "embedded" foresight

Thus, foresight, as practiced at the Université Catholique de Lille, is not about identifying a form or a given future in the fog of complexity, but rather about participating in the design of this form where everything is possible. The objective is not to master our destiny, but rather to co-design a destiny for humanity. The questions of ethics, of values, of the meaning to be given to this destiny are obviously an essential part of this approach.

Due to its co-elaborative character, "embedded" foresight is a guiding force that sets in motion actors that are mobilized in constructing a desirable future and in creating a shared destiny, and that contribute to the common good.

It is also a way to create spaces for action, experience and individual and collective reading, so that our students become reinventors and developers of themselves.

It is this same perspective of co-elaboration that is found in this book. Each of the authors brings a perspective that is situated and complementary to the work of others. Michel Saloff-Coste, Jean-Éric Aubert, Francis Jutand, Laurent Bontoux, Carine Dartiguepeyrou, Nathalie Popiolek, Valérie Kauffmann, Zhouying Jin, Herman Gyr, Lisa Friedman, Marc Luyckx Ghisi and Pierre Giorgini are to be thanked for their essential contribution to futures thinking. Michel Saloff-Coste and Carine Dartiguepeyrou should also be thanked for their direction of this work.

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