

The dinner table of the future

1. How do we feed 10 billion people? Synthetic GMO ingredients or everything organic?
2. How do we enjoy food? Hyper-efficient meals or leisurely social meals?
3. Global production or local production?
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Trends from today:

Slow Food movement, slowing agricultural productivity, modern slavery in food supply chains, Soylent, Beyond Meat, rise of veganism, rise of allergies, convenience food, the rise of eating alone, smart utensils, connected kitchen devices, delivery on-demand from Deliveroo to Drones, food scarcity, rise of super-resistant pests

What do we do for work?

1. What is labour and how do we value it?
2. What jobs will the robots leave for humans? Can we choose?
3. How will AI and machine learning change the nature of your future careers?
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Trends from today:

The 4th Industrial Revolution, Universal Basic Income trials, blockchain, automatisisation of jobs, aging population, shift from products to services, gender inequality, driverless cars and freight transport, later retirement ages

The future of water

1. How does water shape cities? What do we do with too much water (floods, rising tides)? What do we do with too little?
2. How do we harvest, transport and purify water?
3. What do we do with thirsty food crops?
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Trends from today:

Edible water packaging, Wearable desalination kits, morning dew collectors, rise of super-sewers, managed flooding and storm barriers, rising tides, more extreme weather events, GMO towards less water-thirsty crops,
lawn watering / private swimming pool / car washing bans

How do we stay healthy?

1. Should healthcare be available for all? Who pays for preventable diseases and the elderly?
2. Will humans become super-abled?
3. How do we use big data to incentivise healthy behaviours?
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Trends from today:

22 and me, DNA testing, rise of preventative medicine, exoskeletons, antibiotic resistance, Fitbits and the Quantified Self, anti-vaccination movement, new epidemics, increasing air pollution, air filtration devices, prosthetic exoskeletons

How are we born / how do we die?

1. Should you be able to pick your kids' features?
2. Should we be able to live forever? What happens with our digital footprints when we're gone?
3. What do we do with an increasingly elderly population?
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Trends from today:

Designer babies, DNA testing, rise of preventative medicine, transhumanism and other life extending technologies, cryogenics, CRISPR and genetic engineering, gene-hacking, fertility tracking, egg freezing, mental health crisis, projected growth of dementia, virtual reality

Who makes decisions and how?

1. How do you know which media to trust? What is truth?
2. How do algorithms shape our decision making?
3. Is democracy fit for purpose?
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Trends from today:

Cambridge Analytica, Brexit, Trump, fake news, decision by referendum (direct democracy), rise of populism, social media addiction & regulation, rise of individualism, Liberland, refugee flag, climate refugees, blockchain, gig economy (Uber, Deliveroo, Amazon), Black Lives Matter, #MeToo, benevolent dictators, Occupy Movement, participatory democracy, Loomio

What defines home?

1. How do global nomads define citizenship?
2. Should we become a multi-planetary civilisation? Who owns the stars?
3. How can people connect across cultures?
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Trends from today:

Space X, race for resources (lithium, fresh water, fertile land), reusable rockets, data & satellite ownership, rise of refugees numbers, urbanisation, Global South & Global North, unequal impact of climate change, land ownership, universal languages, international standards (ISO), decreasing birth rates, aging population, need for belonging and identity, multicultural societies, populism, increased racism