

The Fourth Industrial Revolution and the Future of Work and Business

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Description

The future of work and business is being disrupted and transformed at a frightening pace – robotics and artificial intelligence are synergistically merging to radically improve corporate productivity; to increase low-paid unskilled jobs (e.g., ‘gig’ economy); to obliterate higher-paid professional and unskilled jobs; and consequently, to worsen existing knavish social inequalities.

The need for human-centred action is palpable, in order to stifle the looming adverse, or even catastrophic social affects; and action is needed by all stakeholders - from government policies that allow companies to prosper and universities to innovate; to universities accepting social responsibility to supply job-ready graduates for a new world of work; to agile companies embracing new technological tools for human-machine synergies; and to individuals accepting personal responsibility to embark on a new era and philosophy of life-long learning in an ambiguous work milieu. This book is an exploration of what has been called the ‘Fourth Industrial Revolution’; how that revolution will likely impact the future of work and business; and what stakeholders can do to foster antifragility in an increasingly volatile and uncertain world.

About the Editor

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