Societal Issues

OCW Horizon Scan

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Ethics, Risk & Security

- Terrorism as virtual network
- New resources for terrorists
- Ethics of emerging technologies
- The rise of a cheating culture?
- Tensions due to migration from poor countries?
- Problems associated with globalization
- Societal and legal implications of smart and human-like robots, cyborgs and human enhancement
- Will imperfection have a future?

Education

- The need for an educational system that can keep up with the increase in knowledge
- New educational and career models
- Insufficient knowledge management due to rapid and exponential expansion
- Decreasing confidence in science
- Future access to education

Health

- Use of drugs and HET
- Possible increase in mental health problems

State & Society

- Diaspora management - networking Dutch emigrants
- Cultural ambitions of Europe
- Loss of confidence in politics and government
- Digital divide - growing or declining?
- What will the definition of ‘old age’ be?
- How to react to Changes in value systems?
- X-Divides (healthcare, income, life expectancy, access to ICT and information, HET…)
- European countries (incl.the Netherlands) loose their ambitions
- What is the future European identity?
- No adequate response to demographic changes?
- Uncertain size and composition of the population

Business & Finance

- Insufficiently anticipating a new economic world order?
- Lack of partnerships government and businesses and social organizations
- Aging society - dependency or wealth, burden or consumers?
- The future of SMEs?
- The future of taxation?
- Collapse of world trade?
- How to control global trade?
- Threats to intellectual property rights