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#### Maria Spindler and Christian Stary

# Editorial

Although all progress is change, not all change is progress for our shared human life and this planet. Within a very brief period of time (months, days, or even just hours), the world might be transformed almost beyond recognition. Accelerating the evolution of intelligent life beyond its currently human form by means of science and (bio)technology is grounded in a variety of disciplines focusing on the dynamic interplay between humanity and technology developments. With this issue we envision the possibility of broadening human potential by overcoming aging, cognitive shortcomings, ethical awareness and actions, involuntary suffering, and our confinement to planet Earth. There are possible realistic scenarios that lead to the loss of most, or even all, of what we consider valuable so far. Some of these scenarios are drastic; others are subtle. In this issue we want to raise awareness that is us who decide whether this journey becomes utopia or dystopia.

We believe that humanity's potential is still mostly unrealised. There are possible scenarios that lead to exciting and exceedingly worthwhile enhanced human conditions and multidimensional intelligence. In this COS-journal issue we also want to focus on the potentials and opportunities as well as on the conditions for stepping up to Artificial Intelligence (AI) as reflective hybrids. The art of our various forms of future intelligences is what is interesting. The articles in this issue deal with the questions:

- What forms of intelligence are two-dimensional, mechanical and artificial, and what forms of intelligence are multifaceted and multidimensional?
- What frameworks, conditions and capacities could lead us into multidimensional intelligence?

- What transient designs, settings and organisations could support and enhance our variety of intelligences?
- Can we humanise robots and digitalise humans?
- How can we as individuals and collectives prepare ourselves for the unknown multidimensional intelligence by embracing love, compassion, joy and human dignity in a powerful way?
- How could we increase the quality of our human life in our future with robots as active part?
- How can we simultaneously live a real and an artificial life in an increasingly diversified world with humans, robots, and crossbreeds?
- How could we use our differences and create ourselves anew by the crossing over of intelligences?
- What frameworks do we need in order to preserve our rights and become aware of liabilities for humans and crossbreeds?
- How could we access our potential intelligences for collaboration, leadership, co-creation and humanity for our future society?
- How can we move beyond current topics, structure, strategies and values, fears, and beliefs, in order to be prepared for the human-artificial future?
- How could self-organisation and process orientation lead to more complex and interwoven intelligences?
- How can lives and workplaces look with robots and humans as single entity?
- How could we humans co-create our shared future in an active way together with Artificial Intelligence?
- What could leadership, consultancy, and engineering contribute to the art of co-creating intelligence?
- How can we shape our society in a legal way?

Apparently, a lot of questions, addressing a variety of topics – however, emphasising the role of us as humans, and our capability to intervene and (co-) construct novel realities. Such an endeavour needs space, to be more precise,

opening up space for (collaborative) action. The contributions of this issue are designed to open space for something new that can meet and help design our uncertain future with Artificial Intelligence.

In the contribution "Co-Vival: Embracing Artificial and Human Intelligences. An Awareness Approach for Transhuman Futures" Maria Spindler and Christian Stary design a multidimensional blueprint. With Co-Vival they intend to manifest utopia that carries new qualities for dealing with uncertainty. Co-Vival stands for the unknown in three dimensions: the robotbeing as vehicle that helps us, the process of co-creating and co-leading, and the new (trans)human species we are becoming. Co-Vival is a blueprint to co-live with Artificial Intelligence and thus step up to Next Humanism. In their conclusions they provide some orientation to prepare and build capacity to amplify the human system: enhance and integrate our multidimensional intelligences for a shared utopia. They intend to prepare, to co-create and meet the unknown Co-Vival in 2045 on an equal level.

Liselotte Zvacek, wandering as "Newbie in AI on discovery tour through Grand Garage", shares with us her exploration of a makerspace as a professional consultant, based on visuals exemplifying an instance of algorithmic construction. Her pictures complement the cognitive approaches to handle novel technological creations with multiple intelligences in a touching way. Her curiosity in progressing manufacturing capabilities and artificial knowledge production reflects how co-creation could be approached from a deeply rooted human quality.

Alexandra Rotter shows in "Be careful what you wish for" that once there is a ground-breaking technology people will use it, although there might be moral concern. Also, it is usual that such technology gets rejected at first. Man-machine-mixtures exist now, and more may exist in future. Presently, most use technology inside the body to compensate for physical shortcomings. Enhancing healthy people has already begun, but ethically, acceptance is distant. Transhumanists believe humans should apply technology to improve themselves. Some Cyborgs already feel technology has become part of their bodies. The Cyborg Foundation says humans can now decide what organs and senses they want. She looks at both sides of the coin: Will technology lead to further segregation of society because only some people can afford to become better versions of themselves? Some enhancements will help people or organisations have better lives, but even the strongest supporters of hybrids see considerable risks of losing all we hold valuable. She points out the need for our society soon to define rules and boundaries for Cyborgs and those who want to become one.

"Alexa, What Can We Do Today?" asks Stefan Doblhofer. He focuses on collaboration tools, and new leadership practice that can take over many of today's managers' tasks, and then their jobs. He shows that agile, digitallyenhanced organisations will always require leadership - only in different forms. In many companies, new practice is taking hold that effectively distributes authority and strengthens employees' autonomy. He argues that the jobs of many full-time managers, especially at lower and middle levels are at risk and will probably disappear soon. What remains of their roles will be taken over by a group on a short-term basis he calls "Key Players" and projects will continue to depend on humans to steer them at key junctions. He foresees that organisational units will require coordination and alignment to succeed. Teams will appreciate interventions when motivation sags or conflict arises. Humans will be needed to facilitate the "Blended Collaboration" between tech and people. What we won't need, however, might be full-time middle- and first-line leaders to take care of all these needs on a continual basis.

Maria Spindler and Gregor Famira provide with their contribution "Manifesting our Future with AI for a Safe, Just, and Human Society" Seven Fear-Love-Power Leverages for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They focus on us as beings not to become mechanised and give our humanity away. The leverages for transforming fear into love when it comes to embracing AI are designed to protect, evolve and become conscious of our choices, actions and impacts. The seven leverages are in their nexus designed to protect, foster and utilise authentic power and transform inner war to inner peace; disconnecting interpersonal war to co-leading in trust in communities; blaming cultures to corporate power-sharing cultures within our organisations; war-like market competition to mindful economy; and war-oriented politics and society to peaceful alliances as unity.

The conversation with Sonja Wimmer and Maria Spindler "The future of AI in the high-quality boutique hotel business" shows that the future in the hotel business is with AI, as it has the advantages of increasing quality individualised service and cost efficiency. A harmonious overall experience for the guest is the focus when it comes to quality. Robots can support guests with knowledge and translation work and can connect their individualised requests with the service units and employees of the hotel. AI can address not only the guest in the hotel but also the potential guest with programmatic advertising. The more the system is in use, the more data it collects, and the more specifically and holistically the target groups are addressed. Live ads can be placed on the guest's device, varying with conditions such as weather or location.

Working on this issue showed us as editors that this topic is developing faster than predicted and requires approaches that can only be co-created while walking the path together. Our hope with this issue is that many will join in the discussion in order to uplift our human species into next qualities of intelligences.

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Our target group is reflective hybrids – leaders, scientists, consultants, and researchers from all over the world who dare to be and act complex. Multilayered topics require multidimensional approaches that are, on the one hand, interdisciplinary and, on the other hand, linked to theory and practice, making the various truths and perspectives mutually useful.

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