Futures Research Methodology

Version 3.0

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Each chapter follows a similar outline:

1. Short overview of the method's history
2. Description of the method
3. How to do it
4. Strengths and weaknesses
5. Use in combination with other methods
6. Speculation about future of the method
Futures Intelligence System

Press Releases
Newsletters
Journals

Monitor Specific Websites

Key Word Internet Searching

Conferences Seminars

Key Persons Tracking

SCANNING

Analysis & Synthesis

FIS Individual
FIS Staff
FIS Weblog
Collective Intelligence

Feedback & New Requirements

Management

Future Oriented understanding
and learning

Decisions
Collective Intelligence

- Is an emergent property
- from synergies among
  - data/info/knowledge
  - software/hardware
  - experts
- that continually learns from feedback
- to produce (nearly) just in time knowledge for better decisions
- than these elements acting alone.
- Wikipedia is an early example. GENIS is another.
A Few words about...

The Millennium Project
The Millennium Project is Global...

- Geographically
- Institutionally
- Disciplinarily
- Research focus
UN Organizations

Universities

Corporations

Governments

NGOs

Millennium Project

... May become a TransInstitution
Millennium Project Nodes...

are groups of individuals and institutions that connect global and local views in:

Nodes identify participants, translate questionnaires and reports, and conduct interviews, special research, workshops, symposiums, and advanced training.
Examples of some global studies by the Millennium Project

- Future Education and Learning 2030
- Monthly Environmental Security Reports
- Government Future Strategy Units (28 governments)
- Global Collective Intelligence for Energy
- Middle East Peace Scenarios
- Global Energy Scenarios 2020
- Global Science & Technology 2025 Scenarios
- Connecting Futures Research to Policymaking
- Future Ethical Issues
What’s Next? Possibilities

- 2009 State of the Future
- Futures Research Methodology 3.1
- Futures Upgrades for Governments
- Monthly Environmental Security Reports
- UN Network of Future Strategy Units
- Global Collective Intelligence for Energy (GENIS)
- Middle East Peace Scenarios
- Climate Change Situation Room (UN, Korea)
- Elements of the Next Economic System
- On-line Futures Concepts and Methods Course
The 2008 State of the Future report enables us to think analytically about global challenges, such as environmental security.

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The Millennium Project
World Federation of UN Associations

2008 STATE OF THE FUTURE

The Millennium Project and its State of the Future report represent best practice on how collective intelligence and collective action can be focused on critical global challenges and opportunities. The enhanced engagement of developing nations (especially in Africa) in such futures outlook is essential to our shared future.

Isaana, CEO, Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa

Collaboration is required if we are to have any hope of solving the problems that we face. The State of the Future provides hold great appeal in this regard.

Gusov, Minister of Communications and Information Technologies, Republic of Azerbaijan

It is the commitment of any government is to look at the future with responsibility. The 2008 State of the Future report and research work is necessary in order to aim at ambitious social goals to achieve.

Vera Nieto, Constitutional Governor of the State of Mexico

The Future challenges all of us working on the global convergence of ICT to improve governance worldwide.

Rahman, Chairman, Microsoft Corporation—South East Europe

Global Challenges updated annually continue to be the best introduction by far to the key issues of the century.

Mamm, editor, Future Survey

The Future provides unique political, economic, and social insights into the progress the world is making with its 15 Global Challenges and increasingly clear perspectives into the future.

Chottman, Chair, World Future Society

The State of the Future is a “must read” if you want to stay in the hub of the wheel of world future issues.

Kata, Professor, Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan

CD contains about 6,300 pages of research behind it, as well as the Millennium Project’s 12 years analysis.

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