

# Futures of a Complex World

12-13 June 2017, Turku, Finland



Finland Futures Research Centre's futures conferences are an international forum for current and important issues. The next conference will be focusing on the 'futures of a complex world'.

To understand the pressing challenges of our time, we need systems thinking to grasp the evolving complexity of our world. At its core is seeing the inter-relationships rather than linear cause-and-effect chains, and seeing processes of change rather than snapshots.

Futures studies is ultimately connected to a systems approach. Since systems thinking is a way of interpreting the universe as a series of interconnected and inter-related wholes, it offers us the tools to manage the complexity we observe around us. Thus, to grasp the future predicaments of our time requires systematic futures thinking.

What are the main challenges in an era of an uncertain world? How to create sustainable futures based on empathy? What is the role of futures research in identifying opportunities for action that are fair and resilient while remaining agile in a global and complex world?

This futures conference aims to generate critical, multidisciplinary and stimulating discussions that promote networking between people from different backgrounds.

We look forward to seeing in June 2017!



## Call for Papers, Posters and Performances is open!

We welcome you to share your findings, ideas, results and thoughts on these (but not limited to) key topics:

1. Complexity and systems thinking
2. Resilient futures
3. Futures of education, learning and work
4. Futures of consumption and the economy
5. Futures of democracy, society and values
6. Technology foresight, an era of transformation, human and technology interaction
7. Challenges and opportunities for global governance
8. Methods and methodology of futures research

## Important Dates

Deadline for the abstracts: 2 December 2016

Notification of acceptance: 16 December 2016

Registration opens: January 2017

Early bird registration ends: 31 March 2017

## Conference Organisers

This is the 18<sup>th</sup> International Futures Conference of the Finland Futures Research Centre, University of Turku. The conference is organised in co-operation with the Finland Futures Academy, the National Foresight Network, Finland and the Foresight Europe Network, FEN.