Challenges for Changing Times
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Beware of chronocentrism!

“the belief that the present moment is central to the history of humankind”
Four Challenges

- Work
- Inequality
- Truth
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YOUR WORK

Interesting

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Horses

Motors
People

Robots
Lifelong learning
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Reducing inequality
(The Four Horsemen)

- Mass mobilisation warfare
- Transformative revolutions
- State failure / system collapse
- Severe epidemics
Associative mating

Rich marry rich…

Poor marry poor…

Link with inequality assumed but not proven
A ‘Somewhere’: rooted in a community or country; no higher education.

An ‘Anywhere’: Globally mobile; has a university degree.
‘Somewheres’…

becoming

’Anywhereres…’
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Definition
"circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief."
Example

“In this era of post-truth politics, it is easy to cherry-pick data and come to whatever conclusion you desire”
Personal Facebook posts declining = Fake News?
“We have to create many more arenas for debate – arenas that are open and inclusive so as to give a voice to those who feel left behind too.”

Colleges should be trust-building as well as truth-seeking
“In our age of turbulence these two words – trust and truth – are inextricably intertwined.”
Your advantages:

-Diverse

-Residential

-Theory of Knowledge
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With the result that the US no longer figures in this year’s list of the (19) ‘full democracies’ EIU
‘the economic, social and cultural success of nations relates directly the trust that their people have in each other and in their institutions’
‘strangers learned to trust one another when signing contracts, allowing them to do deals outside the circles of family, tribal or in-group kinship’
Populism

- Nostalgia for the past
- Post-truth rhetoric
- No trust in experts
- Desire to divide
- Hostility to elites
Leftwing Populism

antagonism between the people and an elite at the heart of its politics.

Rightwing Populism

antagonism against an elite accused of coddling a third group (immigrants, etc.)
The Left vs. Right Political Spectrum

Left Wing
- Anarchism
- Communism
- Socialism
- Liberalism

Right Wing
- Conservatism
- Monarchism
- Nazism
- Fascism

OPEN
CLOSED
Trudeau welcomes first batch of Syrian refugees at Toronto airport 2015-12-11

Trump signs executive order banning Syrian refugees from US 2017-01-27
DISCOUNT

EXPERT ADVICE
Sir Ivan Rogers

“I hope you will continue to challenge ill-founded arguments and muddled thinking and that you will never be afraid to speak the truth to those in power.”
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“…continue to be interested in the views of others, even where you disagree with them, and in understanding why others act and think in the way that they do”.

Paradoxical times

- Food
- Sanitation
- Life expectancy
- Poverty
- Violence
- The environment
- Literacy
- Freedom
- Equality
- The next generation

Johan Norberg
Ten Reasons to Look Forward to the Future
Paradoxical times
"The reality is that history stumbles and staggers on the road to freedom, a winding path that promises not merely a return to the nostalgic comforts of liberal democracy, but the prospect of something even better."
Thank you!

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