



Digital Life: Global Transformations after Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technologies.

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In this presentation, Anthony Elliott explores the rapidly changing relationship between society and technology. 3D printing, big data, supercomputers, robotics and artificial intelligence: these are sites of tremendous innovation and experimentation, and nowhere is their impact more plainly evident than in the transformed landscape of our daily lives.

Elliott argues that the age of digital technologies is transforming the spatial, temporal and affective constitution of social life. In today's world, our immersion in global digital networks is creating new forms of social interaction with stunning new possibilities, but also colossal risks. The self in the digital age, according to Elliott, becomes an "experimental project". From drones to driverless cars, from tele-robotics to robot hotels: digital technologies are transforming all aspects of our lives, from the most intimate aspects of personal relationships to the changing nature of work, employment and unemployment.

About the Speaker:

Anthony Elliott is Dean of External Engagement at the University of South Australia, where he is Research Professor of Sociology and Executive Director of the Hawke EU Centre. He is also Global Professor (Visiting) of Sociology at Keio University, Japan and Visiting Professor of Sociology at University College Dublin, Ireland.

Professor Elliott is a prominent social theorist, sociologist and public intellectual. He is the author and editor of some 40 books, which have been translated or are forthcoming in seventeen languages. His recent books include *Contemporary Social Theory: An Introduction* (2009), *The New Individualism* (2E, 2009, with Charles Lemert), *Mobile Lives* (2010, with John Urry), *On Society* (2012, with Bryan S. Turner), *Reinvention* (2013), *Psychoanalytic Theory: An Introduction* (3E, 2015) and *Identity Troubles* (2016). He is best known for *Concepts of the Self*, which has been in continuous print for over 20 years and across three editions.

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