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Seminars

Wednesday, 2 May 2018 - 4:00 PM

"The Future Evolution of Delphi Methods"

Thursday, 3 May 2018 - 11:00 AM

"The Future Evolution of Scenarios"

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Theodore Jay Gordon is a futurist and management consultant. He is an expert in several high technology fields, a graduate engineer, a specialist in planning and policy analysis. His current professional activities include consulting on strategy for several major corporations, lecturing, serving as Director of the American Council for the United Nations University, and participating on the corporate boards of Apollo Genetics, the Institute for Global Ethics, Registry Databases. He formed The Futures Group in 1971. As CEO and Chairman, he led the firm for 20 years. He has been in charge of hundreds of studies for US and government agencies as well as insurance, computer, banking, communications, advertising, automobile, pharmaceutical and chemical companies.

Mr. Gordon was Chief Engineer of the McDonnell Douglas Saturn space vehicle (he ran a 3,000 person department); director of Advanced Space Stations and Planetary Systems, the advanced design function of the division. He was also in charge of the launch of early ballistic missiles and space vehicles from Cape Canaveral. Consultant to RAND mathematics department where he performed early research on the Delphi method. Regents Professor at the UCLA Graduate School of Business and wrote the first paper describing cross impact analysis.

He is the co-founder of the Millennium Project and Senior Research Fellow. He has co-authored all of the Project's annual State of the Future reports and many of its special studies. His work in the Millennium Project has included studies of ethics, science, and technology management, methodology development, decision making, Middle East peace strategies, energy alternatives, and the design of rapid decision analysis systems. He has been at the forefront of development of forecasting and analysis methodology, including the development of the Cross Impact Method, Trend Impact Analysis, the State of the Future Index (SOFI) and, most recently, the Real Time Delphi.