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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Reader,

This issue's theme of our newsletter is *Humanity*. As homo sapiens dwelling on this world for many thousands of years, we cared for three main things: food, security, and propagation. As for shelter that we found in caves. We fiercely fought against natural forces that threatened the maintenance of these three fundamental concerns. Thousands of years of existence and experiences, one would expect to have taught us much regarding respect for our individual and communal existence. Sadly, the present state shows how selective we are in things we find worth remembering and things to forget, constantly shaping and reshaping our memories with falsely implanted ones. If heart-wrenching images of children with crystal tears running from a pair of eyes, as they are forced to part with parents, are not good enough to move us and bring us to our senses, what is then? If images of emaciated children clinging to their mothers for a drop of milk are not good enough to remind us that they also belong to our extended family, what is then? One can see many such disturbing images blaring before our own eyes and etched in our memories. Instead of replacing them with fake ones, we should probably keep them alive. Not least if we genuinely aim to make this world a place where we desire an egalitarian, peaceful and peace-loving society to emerge with blossoming buds of fruits, plentiful enough to feed us all.

Happy reads...

Prof. Dr. Yonca OZKAN

Director

Institutional News in Brief... *Read more*

A speaking and drama club was set up...

A speaking and drama club was set up by the SoFL Directorate and now is being run by one of our instructors, Hasan AHKEMOGLU, from Monday to Friday between 10:00 and 16:00. The Club aims to provide extra speaking opportunities to our students and hone their drama skills in addition to the regular, weekly 20-hour English instruction in classes. A five-day schedule a week will allow our students to avail themselves of this language improvement endeavour during specific times of the day by participating in the Club's colourful activities.

1st International Language for All Conference

The world is going through an era of constant change, which makes it significant to bridge the gap to harmonize global issues and language education by also promoting 21st century skills.

It is our great pleasure, and on behalf of the School of Foreign Languages, to warmly welcome all of you, to participate in *1st International Language for All Conference* to be held on 21-22 October 2022 at Çukurova University, Adana, Turkey. The event will take place for the first time, with an aim to bring scholars together, enable them to benefit from the network with leading members of academia from all over the world, and exchange ideas and experiences by exploring the latest trends and challenges in a broad array of fields.

We ultimately aim to rediscover the depths of language as a seed of change to convey messages from past to present and future by gently exchanging ideas, raising awareness and increasing motivation to share and embrace one another's world.

Let language be your mirror...!

For more information, you can visit the following link: <https://lfac.cu.edu.tr/>

Organizing Committee

Why **CU SoFL MAGAZINE?**

AIMS AND SCOPE

We wanted to create an online magazine for the School of Foreign Languages at Cukurova University to share experiences, to communicate, to do network, and to find useful tips for teaching and learning English.

Aims:

- to create a digital environment for English learners and instructors at schools of foreign languages where they can share their knowledge, experiences, achievements, and useful tips for colleagues and students.
- to create an online magazine for talented prep year students who would like to develop their personal and academic skills.
- to invite both teachers and students for brainstorming about the challenges and achievements at preparatory schools.
- to engage more students in creative projects and organize contests, podcasts, and vcasts, video materials.
- to publish the interviews/essays/reflections of English instructors and learners from different cities in Turkey (also foreign instructors teaching in Turkey)
- to create a dynamic community, new bridges, and exchanges among schools of foreign languages, departments, and institutions at Cukurova University and other universities
- to create a new community based on common personal and professional development goals.

Submission Guidelines

- The submission should be made as a word document.
- The submission should be in standard 12-point font, Times New Roman.
- The submission should include your name and affiliation, and a title for your work.
- The submission should include a brief biodata in a word document and a photo for each author if possible.

MESSAGES FROM SoFL TEAM:

Dear Students,

Our online magazine is open for you all. We accept all your creative written works such as news, memories, stories, letters, book or film reviews, poems, songs, scenarios, interview reports, reflections, short essays about trend issues or topics, etc. You are all welcome to send us any creative work of yours at any time during the academic year. You can even work collaboratively with your classmates or friends in other classes in our school. We would like to publish your creative works regularly.

We will have prompts or themes from time to time for the students who need some kind of inspiration but you can touch upon different kinds of issues that can grab the attention of your readers. You can also send your reaction letters to the written works for each issue. We will be happy to read and share them in the following issues.

Why should you write for this magazine?

- It can be an opportunity for you to improve your writing skills and share your creative skills and ideas with others on a platform.
- It can be an opportunity for you to realize your boundaries and maybe go beyond your limits through these writing experiences.
- It helps you to explore yourself and find your self-voice as a language learner and writer.

Dear Colleagues,

We are all looking forward to your contributions to our online magazine. It would be a great opportunity for our readers to benefit from your ideas and experiences. Let's create an inspiring space for each other!

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The theme of the second issue

“The Future of Humanity”

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FUTURE OF LEARNING AND HUMANITY

Most of you would agree that the English language is not a foreign language anymore. Instead, it is a ‘common language’ or ‘lingua franca’ spoken by billions of people all over the world. If you are able to express yourself in English, you will not feel alone no matter where you are. Even so, we have come to a point where competence in English is not enough alone. Mastering the English language is only a prerequisite for being a “global citizen” or “world citizen”. People need to have a wide range of skills and qualifications such as competence in other languages, technological literacy and innovative thinking.

As digital natives, who were born into technology, it is crucial for you to make the most of technology in every aspect of your lives in order to gain 21st century skills as well as learning foreign languages. On the one hand, you are lucky since you have an infinite number of online resources which will give you the chance to increase your exposure to languages or skills you are striving to learn. On the other hand, you are unlucky as you must cope with too many distractors online such as games and social media. As we cannot imagine a life without technology, why don’t we take control of technology and turn it into our advantage? Let’s take the example of learning languages. Years ago, learners had to carry huge dictionaries in order to look up new words, whereas now we have our almighty smartphones which enable us to learn new words. Technology makes our lives easier not only when we learn languages but also when we learn anything. You do not need large encyclopedias to search for any piece of information today since search engines could easily do that for you in seconds. At this point, what you only need to do is to shift your paradigm from **learning about technology** to **learning with technology**, which eventually will lead to using technology effectively to improve yourself and your future.

When it comes to schools and educators, they will not have the chance to miss out on this paradigm change brought by technology. Technology will inevitably be there as an integral part of all learning environments. Educators will need to have digital literacy or even digital competence to be able to keep up with the changing learning environment and learning styles. The challenge for educators will be integrating the methodology and pedagogy with technology in their settings due to the fact that no technology is perfect without proper planning and methodology.

All in all, it is not easy to say how humanity and learning will evolve in the future but one thing is clear: those who fall behind with technology will not be able to prevail. It is essentially important for you to keep in mind that **‘future is yours and you are our future...’**

Alper ZEREYALP
Lecturer

Biodata

Betül GULERYUZ ADAMHASAN graduated from the English Language Department at Cukurova University and completed her MA and PhD degree in ELT at the same university. She's been teaching English for 16 years. During these years, she took part in different projects, seminars and webinars. Her special interests are improving learners' academic skills through critical literacy and fostering learner agency; learning and teaching about eco-linguistics while raising awareness of the importance of individual, relational and social factors in learning.

LOSER or MASTER?

The future of mankind has been an interest for a long time based on some presumptions. As technology develops, new questions about sustaining human's life and humanity arise. According to some people, advances in technology- especially in artificial intelligence (AI)- are leading to a frightening scenario where we can no longer control such a great intelligence and therefore, we can't ensure that it doesn't harm us, which might result in human extinction. However, others take it for granted because of its possibilities of making our lives easier, safer and less complex. Which one is more realistic?

As a matter of fact, we are just now discovering the potential benefits of AI applications, for example, in creating better medical treatments, less traffic congestion thanks to autonomous vehicles and ways to address social problems. It may have some environmental benefits, too: like protecting animal habitats and monitoring climate change all around the world. From this point, we can be optimistic about how AI can improve our lives and solve some of the world's greatest challenges as it will make us capable of doing more than we could do on our own.

We must also consider the other side of the debate, though. By being able to do things we can't do, does AI also have the potential to master us, and will it always use its superior capabilities to help us? In other words, are we going to be the loser or master of this robotics technology? What about humanity?

While we may be optimistic about the benefits AI can deliver, we should be concerned about the fact that AI systems are going to grow more and more capable as research progresses. The worst scenario of AI research is that it does not always prioritize the social benefits for the whole world. For example, in fact, AI weapon systems could become so complex that we won't even be able to understand them, let alone control them. It's clear that the ones with such improved intelligence could contribute to the end of humanity. Weapons that don't require a human to make them work can bring about the benefit of reducing war casualties; however, the prospect of an autonomous weapon that can take control of itself and make its own decision to kill is still frightening. Sadly, this is one of the most terrifying facts, faced by many people who had already become the losers of uncontrollable AI masters due to wars.

There can still be hope; however, it's too late to stop AI development. It's no longer possible to put the genie back in the bottle now. Particularly, when AI research has reached commercial success by means of advanced technologies, countries have got an economic incentive to do more research, as well and as a result, they have developed even more commercially viable applications. It's clear that AI will enhance more but it must remain a tool of human intelligence and common sense. If we don't want to lose our future as humans, we must view AI with caution and try closely to monitor it because of its capacity to do harm. If we want to tame AI to do our bidding and provide only benefits, everyone involved in AI research and development must have the same purpose. How realistic is that for our future? Are we the losers or masters?

Betül GULERYUZ ADAMHASAN

Dr. Lecturer

Biodata

Ich habe zwischen 2000 und 2005 an der Çukurova Universität Deutsch studiert. Ich habe im Jahre 2020 in der deutschen Sprache (DaF) promoviert und meine Themenschwerpunkte sind kooperatives Lernen, Schreibfertigkeit, Textsorten, Musik und Sprache. Weil ich im Gymnasium Musik gelernt habe, habe ich an ziemlich vielen musikalischen Organisationen und Orchestern teilgenommen. Ich liebe es, Instrumente zu spielen und zu singen.



MUSIK ALS ZUKUNFT DER MENSCHHEIT

Musik, die so alt wie die Menschheit ist, hat nicht nur eine außergewöhnliche Kraft auf Körper, sondern auch auf Emotionen. Mit dieser Kraft kann es jede Vielfalt, Komplexität und Ungleichheit umfassen. Sie hat robuste Verbindungen zwischen der Vergangenheit und der Gegenwart einschließlich der Zukunft gleichzeitig angeboten. Aus dieser Perspektive ist Musik die Hauptfigur sowohl für das Handeln in verschiedenen Kontexten als auch für die sozialen Transformationen auf verschiedenen Ebenen. Sie ist das reine Spiegelbild der menschlichen Seele und das kollektive Gedächtnis jeder Gemeinschaft. Von Bach bis hin zu Beethoven, Mozart und Haydn hat Musik die Kraft, Menschen auf eine emotionale und intellektuelle Reise mitzunehmen, auf der man das Gefühl haben kann, sowohl frei als auch dazugehörig zu sein. In diesem Zusammenhang ist Musik sowohl der Protagonist der Zukunft als auch der Architekt des vergangenen Lebens. Mit ihrer Fähigkeit, sich gegen die schnell vergehende Zeit zu behaupten, wird Musik das mächtigste Werkzeug sein, das die emotionale Welt der Menschheit in der heutigen digitalisierten und individualisierten Zeit so ansprechen kann, wie sie die Seelen vergangener Generationen genährt hat. Für die Zukunft gibt es auch Musik als die einzige Kraft, die das durch Technologie mechanisierte Leben verbessern wird, begrenzt durch die Covid-19-Epidemie, die die sozialen Beziehungen mit dem schnellen Internet verlangsamt hat. Nicht zuletzt hat Musik die Kraft, die Welt zu verändern und einen neuen Globus für die kommenden Generationen zu schaffen. Diese stumme universelle Sprache der Musik wird die Lösung für alle Negativität in der Welt sein, wird den Weg für alle Hindernisse ebnen und Licht auf die gesamte Menschheit werfen.

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Biodata

I studied German Language Teaching at Çukurova University between 2000 and 2005. I finished my PhD in 2020 and I have been working on cooperative learning, writing skills, text types, music and language. As I studied music at high school I participated in quite many musical organizations and orchestras. I love playing instruments and singing.

MUSIC AS THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

Being as old as humanity, music has extraordinary power not only on bodies but also on emotions. Having this power, it can embrace any diversity, complexity and disparity. It has offered robust links between the past and the present including the future at the same time. From this perspective, music is the main actor for both the actions in different contexts and the social transformations at different levels. It is the pure reflection of the human soul and the collective memory of any community. From Bach to Beethoven, Mozart and Haydn music has the power to take people on an emotional and intellectual journey through which one can have the sense of being both free and belonging. In this context, music is the protagonist of the future as well as the architect of the past life. With its ability to stand up against the rapidly passing time, music will be the most powerful tool that can appeal to the emotional world of humanity in today's digitalized and individualized days, just as it fed the souls of past generations. For the future, there is also music as being the only power that will improve the life mechanized by technology, limited by the covid-19 epidemic, which have slowed down the social relations with the fast internet network. Last but not the least, music has the power to change the world and create a new globe for upcoming generations. This mute universal language of music will be the solution to all the negativities in the world, will clear the way for all obstacles and will shed light on all humanity.

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LEARNING ENGLISH MAKES YOU SMARTER

Do you know that learning another language makes you smarter?

Research shows that bilingual people are more creative and more intelligent.

If you study regularly to improve your fluency in English, you are doing your brain a huge favour.

Studying a second language increases your intelligence, inspires you to see the world in different ways and helps you understand different cultures.

There is no denying that learning another language can broaden your horizons, enrich your brain and delay Alzheimer's disease.

Bilingualism can improve your ability to solve problems and help your brain to think in different ways, using different perspectives.

What's more, I believe English is the most valuable language to learn. Because it's spoken all over the world, it can take you to discover a huge number of new cultural experiences, which will help you develop life skills, meet new people and grow your confidence in handling new situations.

Having a good command of English increases your chances of getting a decent job in a multinational company in Turkey or abroad. In addition, if you speak English well, you are most likely to get a promotion which may lead to better pay and benefits.

Thanks to English, you will be able to communicate with people from the four corners of the world easily and effectively, and this can open up a world of opportunities and lots of possibilities for you.

Besides, English is the language of higher education. Best universities offer a lot of programs in English. You must be able to communicate fluently if you are planning to apply for any of these programs or a Master's degree.

If you speak English very well, you'll have a greater number of possible careers to choose when you graduate from university.

English is the language of the internet. As you know, most of the world's web pages are written in English. You will have access to the vast amount of knowledge available on the web, and you'll be able to educate yourself by being able to read scientific books and papers as well.

Let me remind you that every minute you spend to improve your English will get you closer to perfection.

It goes without saying that English is the language that will give you the best reward for your efforts.

English is considered to be one key that can unlock a world of possibility.

Erdal YASAVUL
Lecturer

Biodatas

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The following story has been taken from an Erasmus+ Project (KA201- Strategic Partnerships for School Education) called MUSILIB: Music for Children's Multicultural Learning. The story has been created by Dr. Figen Yilmaz and Dr. Eda Kahyalar, CU YADYO. For more information, you can visit the following link: <http://www.multilibproject.eu/musilib-by-children.html>

THE JOURNEY FROM THE REED BED

Once upon a time, there was a faraway reed bed, where there were large patches of reed in shallow, fresh water. It was a habitat for many rare birds as well as some mammals such as otters and beavers. In spring, you could hear the chattering songs of migrant birds and could see spectacular dragonflies from April onwards. In autumn, you could see the arrival of thousands of ducks, geese and swans.

Among those large patches of reed was a young reed who was not quite comfortable with himself. He often compared himself with the other living creatures in the reed bed and thought he was useless and worthless. He thought birds could create joyful sounds which would brighten up the day; otters were perfect for diving and swimming; beavers were very good at creating ponds; and colorful dragonflies could fly at great speed. What about himself! He could not even move. He used to spend his days miserably wishing he had another life and could do more like the others in his habitat.

The young reed's best friend was a beaver. They often had long conversations. The young reed loved to listen to the beaver telling stories about the outer world that he would love to see. The beaver, on the other hand, would listen to the young reed constantly telling how worthless he felt. Although he felt really sorry for the young reed, there was nothing he could do other than listening and trying to understand his friend. He only wished the young reed could one day discover his own self and worth.

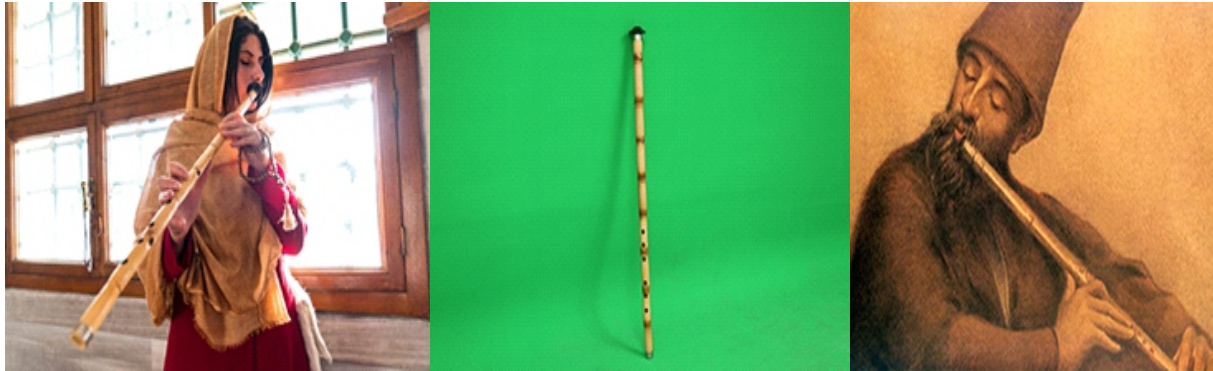
On that day while the young reed was listening to the Beaver's stories as usual, the young reed heard some strange noise. He wondered and looked around. The older reeds were cheering up. "What is this noise, and why are you so happy?" asked the young reed to the older ones. "It is the harvest time. Your long journey may begin soon, if you are chosen." they said. As the young reed was just going to ask what that journey was about, someone picked him up. Everything happened so quickly that the young reed did not even have time to say goodbye to his best friend, the Beaver.

The young reed was taken somewhere where he saw some other reeds. He had to stay there for a long time, almost a year. When he felt really impatient and bored at times, the other reeds would tell him that he had to wait patiently for the good things to happen. But he would not listen to them; he thought that his life would end there. After waiting for almost a year and becoming dry, he went through a series of processes. First, he was kept in oil for some time. He felt stronger after this process. Then, 26 holes were carved on this body with such great care that he did not feel any pain at all. He was transforming into something, but what? The young reed felt different. He was different!

Then, after that miraculous breath blown into the reed, he heard that sorrowful and touching sound it could make. Now the reed was a precious musical instrument called the Ney. Since then, its sound has been giving voice to humans longing for the place they were separated from.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Figen Yılmaz
Dr. Eda Kahyalar

Lecturer(s)



Biodata

Hasan AHKEMOGLU knows that curious students grow into successful adults. In 2000, he received a bachelor's degree in American Culture and Literature from Bilkent University. He went to UC Berkeley to complete the International Diploma Program in Marketing in 2002. In 2011, he obtained a master's degree in ELT from the University of Çukurova. He currently leads SoFL's Speech and Drama Club, helping students maintain fluency and intercultural communication skills in their academic, social, and personal lives.

FUTURE OF HUMANITY

The future of mankind faces major global challenges, including how to achieve sustainable development, ensure access to safe drinking water, promote an ethical market economy, and combat emerging and re-emerging diseases.

Humanity seems to be on the brink of chaos and destruction—a world very different from previous generations. We cannot bring back extinct creatures, melting glaciers, dead coral reefs or destroyed forests.

Without the Amazon, carbon emissions would increase, with implications not just for certain areas but for the entire world.

The world we live in now is causing the air to heat up by more than 3 degrees. Those who live in Istanbul have to endure summer temperatures that exceed 40 degrees. Moreover, this is not just weather news, it's a new normal.

We all know that the future is not necessarily bright. Meanwhile, if current trends in materials science, 3D printing, alternative energy, cognitive science, synthetic biology, and nanotechnology continue and converge in the next 50 to 100 years, it's easy to envision a world that works for humans.

No matter how bleak the picture may seem, we are living in a time that will change the unfortunate fate of the world.

Hasan AHKEMOGLU
Lecturer

Biodata

I am Abdurrahman GULMEZ and I am 19 years old. I am from Kahramanmaraş. My department is computer engineering. But, now, I am studying at YADYO to learn English.

THE PROBLEM OF THE FUTURE: DROUGHT

The world is changing. Science and technology are improving day by day and life is getting easier in terms of communication, transportation, etc. But, we face some big problems. Some of them are global warming, climate change, and wasting resources. They cause several problems in our world. But, if we cannot prevent them, in the future they can cause much more problems. The biggest effect is drought.

The world is always getting warmer because of global warming and we waste and pollute the water. So, the water which we drink and use will decrease and will not be enough for our needs. On the other hand, we will need more water due to hot weather. That's why we will have to find new water sources or produce potable water from the sea by using technology. However, producing water from the sea is both very expensive and difficult. Because of that, it is not very feasible. As a result of this, I'm afraid there might be many wars between countries owing to the lack of water.

The situation that I mentioned above is possible. But, we can still prevent this. For that, firstly, we should reduce the usage of toxic substances like exhaust gasses and deodorant which lead to global warming. Secondly, we should not waste food and water. Finally, we should not pollute the environment and we should protect nature and bios and plant a lot of trees. If we do these things, our future can become more beautiful and peaceful.

Abdurrahman GULMEZ

Biodata

My name is Ahmet Yaşar KARAYAGLI. I was born in Kahramanmaraş. I am 19 years old and my department is Mechanical Engineering.

FUTURE OR DARKNESS

There are a lot of books, movies, and ideas about the future. However, we know the future won't be what we imagine. These books, movies and ideas have very interesting and different aspects. Of course, many ideas didn't materialize or definitely won't happen. Let's consider them under two main headings;

End of the World

Of course, we don't want this, but this is also a possibility. First scenario is a zombie invasion. We know this scenario. Actually, this disaster is very unlikely to happen, but why not? Second scenario is asteroids. This disaster is more likely than the first scenario, but still, it is unlikely to happen. If an asteroid crashes into our world, it will probably be the end of us. Third scenario is climate change. Perhaps, this disaster is a possibility. Our world is warming day by day. This means, if we keep going like this, one day, the world will become unlivable for animals and us. Last scenario is World War Three. I know that nobody in the world wants this to happen, but unfortunately, recently it is possible. I hope we do not encounter these scenarios in the future.

Gift of Future

Technology is developing rapidly. Maybe people who are living right now won't see some developments in the future, but it is very beautiful to even think about. First development is machine organs. It's very interesting. It will be a very beneficial development for people who haven't got limbs. If this development progresses, people may want to change their limbs, even though they don't need it. Second development is a great society, people who aren't hungry, aren't jealous of anyone, just care about themselves and the development of humanity. It looks very far from these days, but if it will happen, then humanity begins to develop. Third development is metaverse. We have learnt this word and what it meant in a short time. Now the real life is changing to virtual life. Maybe 5 or 10 years from now, our world will be the matrix realm.

The last thing which I will tell you isn't a development. It is a meeting. Aliens visiting. If we are talking about the future, it can't be without talking about aliens. A lot of books, movies and ideas show us that aliens are our enemies. However, what if they come for peace and science? I think if they are smarter than us, they may want to develop science instead of trying to destroy us. Probably destroying us can be a waste of time for them.

I know that several things, which I told you, will not happen. I am thinking about all of these even if they do not have the possibility to happen. What if one day they happen? What will we do then?

Ahmet Yaşar KARAYAGLI

Biodata

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FUTURE?

In the near future, a lot of things about the world, people, nature, technology and space are changing. Everything is developing and wasting in itself. Firstly, technology affects human life. These days, technology is developing very fast. For example, phones are constantly changing and updating every time. New models are coming out. Another example is the health system is developing with technology. Thanks to technology, there are many treatments, especially in the last ten years. For example, if you detect cancer early, doctors can treat it. People will probably have physical problems but don't worry because technology is with you. If you have a physical problem, you can solve this problem with technological devices. Then, new cars have a lot of options. They are more comfortable, fast and cause less harm to nature but because of the new cars energy resources are running out, therefore, people are developing electric cars. Every cloud is silver raining. Due to energy consumption nature has perished. Well, how? Reason for energy consumption, global warming has increased, glaciers have melted, natural resources and the world has drained away. People want to solve this problem. Because of these scientists are researching livable planets and they are improving spacecraft to arrive at these places. In the next 30 years, space technology will progress a lot. Human colonies will form on new planets and people will start living in space. To sum up, technology will develop, life will be easier but thanks to technology, natural resources are going to come to an end, the world will take a new form, humanity will change and space-age is going to start.

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OUR FUTURE

People and the world are constantly changing. People always try to find the answers to how to live easily. They are likely to find these answers from nature because nature inspires people. For example, in the past people had to use camels when they were travelling but nowadays they are using planes to go very far destinations in a short time. In fact, birds inspire engineers when they design planes. In the future, people might use artificial planes which do not have pilots. These planes can fly without any pilots. Also, communication technology is developing fast. In the past, people had to write letters to communicate with their families or friends. Now, people use social apps to get in contact with someone. By using this method, people can see their friends or families on the screen. Maybe, in the future, people can see each other by using 3D technology which can show them the real person and sound. Technology is developing very fast in order to meet people's needs. In the future, it's clear that everything will be easier and more realistic. Humanity will have to deal with many advances.

Bahri KATIRCI OGLU

Biodata

I'm Beyza Nur ASIK, I'm 19 years old. I was born in Adana. I am a Food Engineering student at Çukurova University, but I am still in the preparation stage. I like to read magazines and books in my spare time.

THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

The future of humanity will be very different. First of all, there will be high technology in the future. For example, the need for manpower in business areas will decrease as robots and machines will replace manpower. Also, people will easily learn information with a chip. Secondly, the future of humanity will be very different in terms of climatic conditions. For example, temperatures will rise with climate change. Also, the frequency of extreme weather conditions such as droughts, floods and severe hurricanes will increase. Human communities are at serious risk with climate change. Thirdly, there will be important health problems in the future of humanity. For example, medicine dependency will increase among people. This condition will weaken people's immune systems. Human hormones won't be produced organically in the body. The human body will become dependent on external support for survival. As a result, the future of humanity will be very different from today in many ways.

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The Future of Humanity

Everybody is wondering about The Future of Humanity because the world's technology is improving itself every day. Nowadays, people are thinking about the same questions. For example; "How will we transport in the future?", "How will we communicate in the future?", "Which cars will we drive?", "Where will robots be in our lives?"... Maybe we will see these developments or we can't see them but our children might see them. I think, The Future of Humanity is hope for people. Everything can have good results but sometimes something might have bad results. I think, if human brains and technology work together, they will solve these problems. Time will show us everything.

Burak ILGIN

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RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

The world is dealing with a terrible war these days: The occupation of Ukraine by the Russian Federation. There have been wars and conflicts throughout human history; nothing but destruction and death remains. Unless necessary, wars and occupations are great crimes against humanity. The occupation of Ukraine constitutes a crime against humanity, too. What are the possible consequences of this occupation? There may be several points, but three of them stand out.

One possible consequence is that Russia continues the invasion and wins the war. Some journalists and strategists believe that Ukraine will lose the war and Russia will complete the invasion and control all the land or some part of Ukraine. They say Russia has left Ukraine behind in global ranking when compared in terms of military equipment and economical power. Additionally, they claim that the war will be in Russia's favour. According to the people who are experts and working in the war field, this result will take Europe and the rest of the world to a new era. Conflicts will not end and peace will not come to Europe again.

Another possible consequence is the potential victory of Ukraine against the Russian Federation. Ukraine, which is gaining strength with the support of the European Union, NATO, neighbouring countries and other allies, might defeat Russia on the field. Also, the Ukrainian army and people are more hopeful and struggling than ever before. From this perspective, Ukrainian government members and some Western experts state that Ukraine will achieve victory.

There is also the possibility of a world war including the US, China, Japan, Korea, all of Europe, Pakistan, India, the UK, Turkiye, Israel and some Arab countries. This possibility means the end of the future, hope, dreams and nature. Although the West and its allies avoid a potential war, Russia is being provoked by some factors. Most of the experts, strategists and journalists declare that Russia and Ukraine want peace and dialogue, so they see the possibility of a world war as low. But, they are also the ones who say that Russia would never invade Ukraine.

In fact, if you ponder, all the options are dangerous and challenging. All parties are aware that war is not a solution, but they continue to consider their benefits. The perverse cycle that has lived throughout history continues today, which is more harmful than the war itself. Everyone has to fulfill their own responsibilities for the future of humanity; states and individuals should struggle to establish a liveable society instead of prioritizing their own benefits, peace and global development instead of conflicts.

Celal INAL

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THE NUCLEAR FUTURE

People always wonder about their own future. In old ages, people got help from fortune tellers and magicians to learn about their own future. Certainly, we can't know the future, but we can predict the future. Many people don't think good things about our future because of the danger of nuclear bombs.

Nuclear bombs are the biggest threat for the modern world. Nuclear bombs destroy living things such as plants, animals and most important of all is humans' lives in the area where they fall. Unfortunately, the nuclear bombs' damage is not limited to this; it also destroys important buildings for public such as schools, dams, hospitals, etc. Don't you think it would be terrible if a nuclear bomb fell where you or your loved ones lived? Many people would love to say that nuclear bombs have never been used so far, but unfortunately during World War II, a nuclear bomb was dropped by America on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima & Nagasaki. As a result, thousands of people died. The Japanese continue to feel the effect of the bomb. Cancer and mutilated baby birth rates in the area where the bomb exploded are still very high. A similar situation in Japan may be experienced in Eastern Europe in the coming days as Russia is attacking Ukraine. Unfortunately, no one can guarantee that Russia won't drop a nuclear bomb on Ukraine's land. If a nuclear bomb is dropped on Ukraine, it will affect all European countries. Today, 9 countries (China, United States, Russia, Israel, North Korea, ...) have nuclear bombs in the world. Unhappily, many of these countries, which have nuclear bombs, are enemies of each other and this situation is the biggest danger for the future of humans.

In the end, I would like to complete my text with Albert Einstein's famous saying: "I don't know with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones".

Cem AKAN

Biodata

I am Deniz TOPAL. I am 20 years old. My department is Electrical Electronic Engineering. I am from Ankara but now I live in Adana. I was an amateur actress in Ankara and I speak German and English. My future dreams are to be a successful engineer, be a theatre actress and living in Germany.

FOCUSING ON THE BETTER

We don't notice several things that have changed during the day. The similar situation applies to the year and our whole life, but even if we don't notice, every alternation affects us in many ways.

The changing and at the same time the developing world mostly affects human beings and their future. We can mention different things about the new world from global warming to artificial intelligence. The world naturally varies in various positive and negative aspects. We should focus on improving positive changes and turning negative changes into positive ones, because if we don't do anything, the world can't develop and drifts into a swamp.

Firstly, if I give an example of good development, it will be the rapid development of technology. Recently, scientists have been developing a lot of things that will make our lives easier. If this situation continues like this, we won't have to get tired of anything in the future. The development of technology positively affects us in many ways. For example, smart boards are used in schools or if you want to clean your house, you can do it easily and without getting tired. The music industry is also another one which was affected. Now, many melodies can be made on a computer. Another sector affected is architecture. In the past, architects used to make their drawings by hand, but now they draw them on a computer. These are just a few of the examples that could be given.

Naturally, many negative things happen even though good things also happen. Global warming is the first thing that happens. With global warming, the climate has changed and seasons have changed. That affects human psychology to the things we eat.

As I said at the beginning, the important thing and the thing that will improve us is turning negative formations into positive ones. But how can we do this?

The main choice we can make is that we must use clean energy sources. Another name for this is renewable energy. To illustrate, we can use wind turbines, solar panels, hydroelectric power stations etc. Also, we should use depleted energy sources like nuclear energy, fossil fuels and natural gasses less. On the other hand, we must contribute to recycling. We can recycle plastic, paper, batteries, glass and metal.

In conclusion, there are several solutions that we can make real. These were just a few of the things I described. For a better life and a better world, we must focus on positive events and we must try to turn negative events into positive. This is the only condition for a better world and to have a better design for the future of humanity.

Deniz TOPAL

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My name is Edanur YERLIHELVACI. I'm 20 and my department is Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

DO YOU WANT ROBOTS TO EVOLVE?

100 years from now everything will probably change. Maybe some people will destroy the internet and their only reason for doing this will be that they are capable of this. Maybe The Jetsons fantasia will become real. There are so many odds. We don't know what will happen, but we know that change doesn't stop. I think the best example is The Terminator movie for this subject. The movie's main idea is that robots start a war on humanity. Most people really believe that this will happen. I don't think robots will have a feature which is as powerful as the human brain or something like that. I think robots will drive, cook, play, and do several sports and maybe they will hug you when you are sad and they may offer a few ideas to solve your problem. All of these will be the programs which are installed by us. To sum up, if one day someone uploads a program with his/her evil plans to a robot, I will worry about the future of humanity.

Edanur YERLIHELVACI



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SURPRISES AWAIT US IN THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

Surprises await us in the future of humanity. Although it has good sides, bad sides are waiting for us. We can change some of the bad things. If we want to change bad things, we shouldn't say "I", we should say "us" and "our children". We have compiled fourteen situations that can happen to humanity in our own ideas.

- 1) Air pollution and environmental pollution will increase. Scientists and investors will find a solution. Lawyers will make rules about this.
- 2) After 50 years the human population will increase. Food shortage may be a big problem because of this situation.
- 3) Money will be imaginary like Bitcoin.
- 4) We will visit a place and this place will contain aliens like a zoo.
- 5) People will not have to eat because scientists will make alternative food, like protein powder, vitamins etc.
- 6) Cybercrimes will increase much more than before, and special police units will be created for this situation.
- 7) Robots made by people will get out of control and humans will not be able to stop them and this will be the end of humanity.
- 8) Soon water wars will begin and most people will not be able to find water as easily as before, however, drinkable water prices will be almost at the price of gold.
- 9) Some heavy stars will significantly affect our world by gravity. As a result, our world will come out of the solar system and even the Milky Way galaxy and there will be a long ice age.
- 10) People will be colonized on different planets.
- 11) Nanotechnology that we use in the army and health will develop.
- 12) Most people will have an eye disorder because of technological equipment such as phones and computers.
- 13) Most people will become lazier than before because of the development of technology. As a result of this, unemployment will increase significantly; governments will find a solution to it.
- 14) Transportation will be easier than before, resulting in us being able to visit a lot of places.

These were our ideas. Although some of them are difficult to realize, we can't fully predict what will happen to humanity in the world of the future, but even dreaming, changes our perspective on the world.

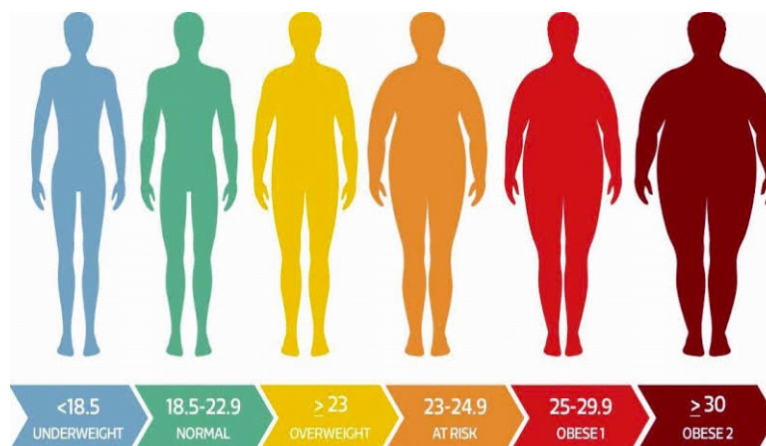
Emre YUCEL
Emre Samet SEZGIN

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NUTRITION STORIES

Nowadays, most people are talking about nutrition and eating habits. They always ask “What should we do for that?” They cannot do the right thing because the nutrition stories always change. People can’t believe them. Some authorities or food scientists always give us advice because they want us to be healthy. Sometimes this advice is as complicated as everything. Besides, food science is a really hard science. For example, the biggest diet for cholesterol. Can you just think that eggs increase heart issues? I guess, we can’t know exactly because we can’t know exactly because we cannot find people who have the same age, gender and risk. Let’s imagine we could find these people. I ask you “Can they have the same diet?” I think again “no” because people have different routines, life, family and psychological issues. In addition, in this situation we need a long time to check their condition every moment. Taking this point into consideration people are not laboratory mice and we never have a correct diet or choose the best food for our health.



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THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

There are lots of opinions and views about the future of humanity. It can be taken into account from some different matters.

The first thing to consider is whether the human species will survive or not. The existence of human beings may shrink or even die out due to their improper lifestyles. There are many factors that impress their lives such as malnutrition, mental disorders, stress and so on. These factors also affect human's health in a bad way. Therefore, they will encounter a bunch of diseases, which can be even untreatable.

The second issue is about the increase in crime rates. The more the crime rate rises, the more society will deteriorate and for this reason people will worsen day by day. Moreover, as technology evolves there will be some easiness and difficulties. In terms of ease, humans will not have to rush anything in their daily lives. As for difficulties, it is clear that people will have passive life times. That's why, they will ignore the others' actions, emotions or feelings and they might become insensitive to their own affairs.

Besides, there are things to alleviate these problems. In the way of the environment, the use of energy sources should be taken into notice. They should be cut down, otherwise new generations will be in trouble. Living creatures like animals and plants also should be paid attention as well as humans. We have no right to leave a devastated Earth to them. Furthermore, it should be considered about population growth. For a controlled and systematic population, we must give importance to education. Education will certainly prevent many troubles in future.

To conclude, in the future, there will obviously be many matters to deal with in terms of several topics. Overall, we all should be worried about our future and take action to get those problems under control.

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Hi everyone, I'm Halil and I'm 19 years old. I live in Istanbul, but I'm in Adana now for my education. My department is Electrical-Electronics Engineering.

DARKNESS

I'm afraid of the future,
Of life 50-100 years later
If that's how people are right now,
I don't even want to imagine the future.

Cyber wars will start,
Computers will be used instead of weapons.
Although how much technology develops,
The cruel emotions won't end.

People will get bored of one another,
They will desire to migrate to other planets.
Maybe the Moon, perhaps Mars...
Place or time won't matter for them.

We're coming closer to the end of humanity,
Going beyond darkness step by step



Halil ILIK

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FUTURE OF HUMANITY: ROBOTS

Nowadays, there are several theories about the future of humanity. Some of them are really convincing. On the other hand, some of them are very illogical. One of the most popular things is robots. A robot is a kind of machine which makes something like humans and it makes it easier. These days, there are three popular ideas about them. To begin with, transportation and robots, they can help with transport arrangements. For instance, they can organize the system which is about safety and repair. Also they may have a job which people do. So, people won't have a job and as a result of this, they will have time for personal things. To explain, if the robots do people's work on behalf of the people, people may do other things that make them happy. But if robots use their artificial intelligence against humanity, it might be a danger for humanity. There are many films about robots taking over humanity day by day. As is seen, there are many opinions about the effects of robots on the future of humanity

Ilgin OZGUL

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WHICH PROFESSION SHOULD I CHOOSE IN THE FUTURE?

The world is changing fast, my friends. You know what we'll say in the future, when we go to a barbershop or take a taxi? "20 years ago barbers were people" or "20 years ago, taxis didn't go by themselves, people used them." Too dramatic? Let me go further. It will not matter what schools you are currently studying or from which you graduated in the past. I am not trying to say that schools or professions will end. Traditional definitions and functions will change.

According to futurist Kevin Kelly, we are currently making the second industrial revolution by producing artificial intelligence. What did we use in the first industrial revolution? Artificial power. Back then, almost everything was produced using muscle power or using animals. Then the industrial revolution happened and we invented new "artificial power" sources: we got power using steam and fossil fuels. When we get in our car and turn the ignition, it no longer surprises us to find the power of 100 horses at our disposal. On the contrary, we cooperate with this "artificial power". Using machines, we build factories, we build cities, we build roads.

Now comes "artificial intelligence". It will also become widespread in the future. It will be at everyone's disposal. The 100-horsepower car will be equipped with 100 kinds of artificial intelligence.

So which profession should I choose in the future? If we had asked ourselves this question during the first industrial revolution, what would we have answered? A profession compatible with machines. What would we do if we wanted to start a new business about 100 years ago and say, for example, I want to find a solution to people's transportation problem? Descendants of those who said, "We would have invented a car with 100 horses for a faster and more comfortable transportation", continue to pursue the profession of "carriage" today. Don't get me wrong, this is a profession too, but there isn't enough business for all of us in that sector. After all, the population of the "Islands" is certain. The cars produced by Henry Ford and his grandchildren, who thought to replace 100 horses with a "100 horsepower engine" in the idea of "a car with 100 horses", are used by the whole world today.

Do you want to do a business that will remain valid in the future? You need to add "100 minds" to that formula: "artificial intelligence." Look at the things that exist around you and find a way to make them smart in some way. Just like the electric pump was invented by replacing muscle power with electricity to draw water from the well, you add artificial intelligence to it and make a "smart pump".

Now I have good news and bad news for you: The bad news is that it is not enough to add the adjective "smart" to something that already exists. When you say "smart" to the bus ticket, you suddenly don't have artificial intelligence. It is necessary to really work on artificial intelligence, to specialize. For this, do not expect to enter the "artificial intelligence faculties" of universities. No matter which major you choose, no matter what education you have, "teach yourself to learn."

The good news is, in 20 years, something will be invented that will be used by everyone. This thing will be something smart powered by artificial intelligence. And what it is, no one in the world knows yet. Who knows, maybe you'll be the one to do it. That invention that you will make by constantly learning and applying what you have learned to life will create new professions. And those professions that will emerge in the future have not yet been named.

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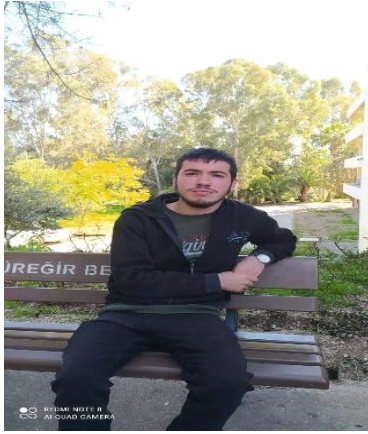
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WHAT IS AHEAD?

The future of humanity will be very different from the present. The first difference will be in science. Because technology is advancing rapidly and we are learning more about the universe and the world. It is likely that there will be new places to travel and habitats in the future. The second difference will be in the field of health. Medicine and pharmacy will develop more and they will find solutions to diseases more easily. Maybe there will be no such thing as a disease in the future. The third difference will be related to global warming and environmental pollution. When global warming increases; continents will melt, some animals will become extinct, drought will increase, and the climate will change. When environmental pollution increases; air pollution will increase, the seas will be polluted, sea creatures will be damaged and some diseases will increase. It is an obvious fact that it will not take many years for all this to happen. I hope that the positive sides will come true, but the negative ones will not.

Irem BEKTAS

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THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

THERE IS NO SOLACE, JUST TRUTH

If we want to learn about the future, we should look at mankind's past. At the beginning of the world, humans just focused on how to survive and propagate. After some time, they learned hunting, farming, trading and **fighting** although it is **extremely wild**. However, in the past they had to do that for their survival and everything in the world was balanced and also chained with one another but in our era, people just focus on becoming strong and for this, they do whatever they want without thinking of any consequences. We have to remember that in the world there are things more important than power. Wars provide us nothing. Balance is being broken because of that. World is collapsing, the environment is spoiling and above all: **PEOPLE ARE DYING. WE MUST STOP WARS. IF WE DO NOT STOP, NOTHING WILL BE LEFT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS BY US. DO NOT FORGET. STRUGGLING TO SAVE THE PEACE IS THE BIGGEST WAR IN THE WORLD.**

Ismail YILKINC



Biodata

My name is Kaan and I'm studying in the ELT department. I'm 19 years old.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF WAR?

In all centuries, people have wondered about their future. As the ages change, predictions of the future change naturally. In this text, I want to consider it from a different perspective, war. What is the future of war?

Before thinking about its future, we must think about what war is. I think that war is an indistinctive thing that everyone has. We know this instinct as a fighting instinct. It occurs when our brain recognizes something as dangerous and it responds. We call it a “fight or flight response”. Our brain does not keep up with our century and it has instincts of ancient times. If we look at the things from this perspective, we understand that war has always existed and it will be.

There is one more question about wars. What will people use in war in the future? I think that we will use nuclear weapons, advanced war planes, heavy and strong panzers.

In conclusion, we know that war is bad but as this instinct continues and as benefits of countries continue, there will always be wars.

Kaan YILMAZ

Biodata

Hello, I am Mehmet Emin GEZERAVCI. I was born in Mersin and I graduated from İçel Anatolian High School. Now I'm a prep school student at Çukurova University. Next year I will start studying computer engineering.

ENGINEERING HUMAN TISSUE

Could we one day replace all the tissues in the human body through engineering? Although it seems to be an amazingly versatile question, the studies scientists have done so far give a lot of hope. With these studies, it is thought that it may be possible to replace all tissues in the future.

We know that tissues cover the entire system of the body and are essential for its survival, so creating artificial tissue will solve most problems. There are engineers working on artificial tissue production, and if they, with the help of much more advanced technology, succeed in creating artificial tissue, this can double human life in the future. Moreover, replacing tissues with artificial tissues can greatly increase the quality of a person's life since it will be quite difficult for diseases to affect people easily. In addition, as the anxiety level of people decreases, their happiness level will rise.

Who knows, maybe humans with artificial organs will be seen in the future. Let's wait and see!

Mehmet Emin GEZERAVCI

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THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

In my opinion, the future of humanity doesn't seem bright because there are some serious problems which affect the economy badly for most governments. For example, excess of the elderly population and lack of raw material etc. In addition to these, three years ago, suddenly a COVID-19 disease appeared and this has led to the death of many humans so far. For this reason, people all over the world have started to take pandemic precautions and life has almost come to a stop point. Importation, exportation and travelling were impossible in those days. Nowadays, life is normal compared to those days but the economy of the world has received a blow hard from COVID-19. I hope, country's governments can correct this situation. What I think is that, if they cannot correct it, they will need each other's wealth due to lack of money and strength. In short, humanity can stay face to face with disasters like war in the future. I hope I am wrong and humanity will have a healthy and peaceful life as soon as possible but am I right or am I wrong? We will learn to do this by living in the future.

Melih Kemal SEL

Biodata



My name is Miray BALIKOGLU. I am 19 years old. I am a Computer Engineering student at the University of Çukurova.

FUTURE OF HUMANITY: TECHNOLOGY

Technology is developing day by day. People think this situation is good for us. But I think it is going to have a lot of disadvantages in the future. First disadvantage is that people will solve all their needs by technology. Most people think it's good for their life. But if people do not have a job, they will become lazy. They will have a lot of spare time. So, they will find time for doing bad things. Probably, the crime rate will increase in the future. Another disadvantage is that nature will be damaged because of technology. Most probably, most animals will die out and trees will disappear. According to these points, in the future people will not be happy. To sum up, technology has two important disadvantages for the future of humanity.

Miray BALIKOGLU

Biodata

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CHANGES IN THE FUTURE

Could we imagine what will happen in the future? We all are curious about that, aren't we? By looking at the past and the present we can make some predictions even if we are not exactly sure what will happen. There will be many changes and maybe most of them will be good for us but at the same time there will be some bad sides of them.

First of all, there will be improvements in the field of health sector. These improvements will affect the nature of humanity especially if more cures and medicines are found. Because there are some diseases that are not curable and there are also patients who look for being treated.

In addition, artificial intelligence will evolve more than today. And as artificial intelligence is evolving, people will become less important. Robots will take part in our lives and they take on the duties which people usually do. For example, there will be less staff in companies, maybe even no staff. It is possible that robots will take the place of teachers and doctors. So it means people will be less active in the future.

On the other hand, there will be some bad changes in the future of humanity. As time goes on, human beings change the nature of humanity and harm them. More buildings are built and as a result of this, the number of green spaces is reducing, many living species will die out and some types of them will be declining. Besides these people will harm the environment so much that environmental pollution will go up and as a result of these pollutions, we will have to face many health problems that we do not have today.

Considering all these changes, mostly life will be better but there are also some points that will affect us in a bad way. We should be careful about the future and what we will do. We should live in the present by thinking about the future.

Meryem ALGAN

Biodata

My name is M. Samet. I'm studying at Cukurova University. My department is Mechanical Engineering. In this article, I want to tell you about the future of humanity.



METaverse

What is this metaverse? Is the metaverse the future of humanity?

This technology is also called the third dimension of the internet. Metaverse has become a word that has become very common nowadays and this word means other universe, so people liken it to our universe because it is thought that our universe came into existence quickly and with the big bang. Today, many popular companies are investing in the metaverse. For example, Facebook, Twitter, Microsoft etc. One of the investments made in the past days attracts a lot of attention. Microsoft bought Activision Blizzard for \$69 billion. The value given to this company is more than the value produced by 135 countries in the world in a year. Why did they make such a big investment? Activision Blizzard is a game company. They invested in this company because our lives were gamified. A virtual platform of our future life in Metaverse is just like a game. Universe-building games are a prime example of this. For example, Minecraft, Roblox, Pubg etc. Let's talk about Roblox. There is a significant investor investing in this game. This investor is Gucci. Gucci leads the world's most popular clothing brands. Recently, they opened a virtual store in the game Roblox, where clothes are sold for players. These examples are just the beginning, which is why we call them investments. Clearly, companies that are currently investing can also be thought of as parts of the big bang. As the internet is inevitable, the metaverse will explode and come. Strange as it may seem these days, people will pay for a virtual outfit, food, house, car and more, and even attend meetings to go to work from the virtual environment. A lot of questions come to mind, but the most important question should be: where are we in this universe?



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THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

These days, a lot of things are changing in terms of technology, nature and politics. These changes affect the future of humanity.

First of all, technology is developing unpredictably day by day. People can do most things online. For example, we have already been able to do video calls, search things, take photos and share our ideas on the net for a long time. We can also pay bills, buy something online and make friends, etc. However, people can feel lonely although they make friends online, because they have less dialog or social life. I think they are not good at communicating with each other, so they are always unhappy.

Another subject which affects the future of humanity is natural problems. There are a lot of disasters nowadays and they are terrible for people's lives; for instance, earthquakes, floods, global warming, etc. These disasters are not good for now and the future, so we are losing clean air, forests and butterflies. If these problems continue, our children probably will not know trees or squirrels.

Finally, wars are the worst things for humanity. There were lots of wars in the past because of money and underground riches. There are still wars, and they affect people's social lives in terms of psychology, economy and education. People, who live in a country or a city where there is war, have to leave their hometown. They can experience some difficulties in another country. To illustrate, they can face racism or economic problems. The wars' results are horrible, especially for children. If they face war, they will have awful memories from their childhood.

In conclusion, there are many negative things for people's future. If we want a great future, we should work for it.

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DANGER OF HUMANITY

Let's imagine, there is an apartment with ten different floors and ten different people. These people are totally different in terms of communication types, ages and habits. And they always argue with each other about what they did, what they said. In a short time, their argument grows and they start to damage the apartment. Then, they realize that the apartment is damaged. If they do nothing they can die but they don't deal and solve the problem. And they continue with their normal life. At the end of the story, the apartment breaks down and all of them die. Most probably you think that, these people are stupid because they didn't take precautions and they prepared their end. But nowadays we are doing the same things. When our world is burning and people are dying, we do nothing. We spend our energy and time with unnecessary things. We always hurt each other, we destroy the environment and we prepare our end. Now, our world is like a broken apartment and we must repair it without fighting. This is our responsibility for the future of humanity.

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Hello, I am Selin, I am 19 years old and I come from Muğla. I'm studying Economics. I wrote an article for you about the "future of humanity" including my own ideas. I hope you like it and I also have a documentary recommendation for you, called "Kiss the Ground".

THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY- SOIL AND AGRICULTURE

There are many factors that affect the future of humanity. For example, technological advances, industrial revolutions, pandemics, food crises, wars, political crises, environmental pollution, space factors, medical errors and many more, but today I am going to write about agriculture and soil, which affect a large part of our food supply.

Humans are omnivores, meaning they need both meat and plants. The ends of the two options always lead to soil and agriculture. People have to eat healthily to survive. The most important factor for this is soil. However, mistakes made in agriculture and soil pollution pose serious risks to humanity. Some of these errors are;

- 1) illegal garbage dump**
- 2) burning plants**
- 3) uncontrolled spraying**
- 4) pesticides**
- 5) industrial waste etc.**

Keeping the soil clean and agriculture continuously is very important for living things, for the balance of nature and for future generations. In addition, the soil is not only a source of food, but also one of the building blocks of the ecosystem and brings dead living things back to nature. Soil is the future of living things and nature. As a result, it is the future of humanity, because without land there is no nature, without nature, there is no human. It is our duty to take good care of it, to protect it. Soil and agriculture are the future of humanity.



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THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

The future of humanity may look marvellous to most of us, but it's not as good as it seems. The future that we created with our own hands waits to take revenge from us. The only thing we can do is to make things less bitter. I could hear questions like, "How can we make it less bitter?" or "How can we survive?" There are quite a few ways to do this, but two are the most important.

The first one is to love each other. It may look simple, but it isn't. Love is the most powerful thing in the whole world. Yet, most of humanity forgot how to love someone else, and they made some rules about loving others. However, it doesn't matter where you are from or how much money you have; it is about sincerity. We are all human in the end, and we die.

The second one is to respect nature and understand her. Nature is our everything and no one can deny this. She is the one who gives us our basic needs like; food, water, a place to live, and lots of other things. While she generously gives these things to us, we hurt her. Even though we broke her, she still gives us these needs. We have to take responsibility for hurting her and should make some moves. I know it will take lots of time, but she can accept our apologies.

On the other hand, some people believe that the future will be even more beautiful than it is now. With technology, life will be much easier, and people will be happier. Yes, they are true about the technology part, but the rest of the idea is wrong to me. Technology may help us with some of our problems, but it can't provide happiness.

To cut it short, before it's too late, we should take responsibility and take some actions. We should start to love each other and protect nature. In this way, I believe the future will be less painful.

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CAN WE PREDICT THE FUTURE?

Nowadays, most people have been trying to learn about the future but they forget about the past. That is why they make assumptions about their future or the future of the world. There are specific examples of them from past to present such as the prediction of flowing the river Nile in ancient times. However, have you ever wondered how these are estimated in advance?

First of all, although we are prone to think that the past is unnecessary, actually most of the assumptions are made according to the past. For instance, in ancient Egypt, people lived near the river Nile but there was a problem. An inundation took place annually, yet they couldn't control it. Then, they found a way to forecast the time that it flooded. They built 'nilometers' to take precautions and reduce the inundation. Some areas also trace back to the past such as meteorology. In early civilizations, the weather forecast was based on observations. Nevertheless, with the advancement of technology, now it is easy to collect data and predict long-term weather changes.

Another way of making assumptions is imagination. When we read a book which was written many years ago, we may encounter the idea which was impossible in those times. For example, Jules Verne is among the futurist writers. What makes him a futurist writer is that he predicted many things. In his famous book 'From the Earth to the Moon', he described space travel today. Also, he predicted electric submarines, solar sails. On the other hand, there are some science fiction movies which are about the future. Maybe they will also become true. Who knows?

All in all, there are several ways to anticipate the future. These are just a few of them. Making predictions has always been in our lives and it seems to continue, because curiosity is a never-ending process. As John Goldsworthy said, *"If you don't think about the future, you cannot have one."*

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IT WAS AN ORDINARY DAY

I woke up at 8 am like every morning. I got out of bed and looked out the window. There were a lot of flying cars in the sky. Then I went to the kitchen for breakfast. My mom gave me food capsules and I swallowed them. I went to my room to get prepared for school and the house robot dressed me and I teleported to school. While I was talking to my friends in class about the newly found planet, our robot teacher walked in. Our lesson was about new software. At the end of the lesson, we heard voices from outside and a lot of green, huge aliens came in. Suddenly, I woke up and I saw my mother in front of me. Actually, it was all a dream.

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THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

Future changes are expected to include a warmer atmosphere, a warmer and more acidic ocean, higher sea levels, and larger changes in precipitation patterns. The extent of future climate change depends on what we do now to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The more we emit, the larger changes we will have. Greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere will continue to increase unless the billions of tons of your annual emissions decrease substantially. For example, reduce ice sea and snow cover, as well as permafrost, raise sea level, increase threats to human health. These changes will impact our food supply, water resources, infrastructure, ecosystems, and even our own health.

Şevval YABANGULU

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I'm Teslime and I'm 19. Actually, my department is Computer Engineering but first I have to finish my English preparatory class. I am interested in books. When I saw this topic, I said to myself, I should write about my favorite book and writer. He is my hero and he needs to be understood. The value of the book will definitely be understood.

“War is Peace.

Freedom is Slavery.

Ignorance is Strength.”

WHY DO I ALWAYS READ 1984 BY GEORGE ORWELL?

Since the first moment of life, mankind has tried to change the world in which they live. This effort has developed mankind both physically and mentally. People have always wanted more with this development. So, what did this actually do to our World and to us? And what will our future be like? I have a personal answer for this question.

Firstly, I need to explain what changes I have had in my life after reading this novel. It's important for the connection between me as a human and the book. I didn't understand this book when I first read it. Maybe, I could understand it in my third or fourth read. Then, I learned the value of being able to think freely, when I started to understand the book. You may say that it's a normal thing but it's not. It's the essence of being human.

Will there be hope for humanity? I didn't think such a future was possible. The future couldn't be this dark. Winston Smith, the main character, when he rebelled, I thought there was hope for humanity. I noticed it later. Day by day, we have lost our humanity. The 1984 book mentions a very possible future. It describes very well how we lose our thoughts, and become mechanized. We improve a lot of things about life, space, and in short everything. But we are forgetting our spirits. That's the point. If we lose the spirit which is valuable for us, we will not become human. We just breathe and live like that. We think we're free, but we're actually slaves to the system. So, this book is actually a warning. Now and future. I love my humanity and don't want to lose. Every single day, I remember what will happen if I forget.

“Mist bell in the dark.”

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THOUGHTS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

There are many thoughts about the future of humanity. The decline of underground resources along with developing technology and medical science, global warming, wars in Central Asia and the global pandemic that has been plaguing the entire world for three years prevent us from making a firm decision. The advancing technology shows us that the vast majority of the jobs where comfort is at the forefront and human power is used very little will be left to robots. At the same time, advances in medical science show that a longer-lasting and healthier life awaits us. But global warming and increased fossil fuel consumption are harbingers of what we expect from adverse weather conditions and erratic climates. The accumulation of the amount of carbon in the atmosphere, which is the main cause of climate imbalance and global warming, indicates that there will be decadence in agricultural production, which indicates that wars will arise between people due to scarcity, along with a lack of food. Finally, the current rostrum risks a third world war as a result of the epidemic and the wars in Central Asia. If this war breaks out, there will be a big negative about the future of humanity, because many countries in the world now have chemical bombs, and if they are used, many mutations will occur in nature and humans, many people and the technology that have come so far will be destroyed. This means that we will go back a hundred years. As a result, it is inevitable to say that a beautiful future awaits humanity.

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