



Midwest Institute for International-Intercultural Education

Virtual Workshop on
Being Human in a Technologically-Driven World
October 23, 2020 (10 am to 3:30 pm, *EASTERN TIME*)

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10:00-10:05 **Welcome and Remarks**

L. Marshall Washington, President of Kalamazoo Valley CC

10:00-10:55 **Keynote: Being Human in a Technologically-Driven World**

Badri Rao, Kettering University

10:55-11:05 Break

11:05-12:00 **Discussion on the Keynote Presentation**

Facilitator: Badri Rao

What knowledge and skills are worthwhile for students to learn?

What ideas and issues would you like to infuse in your teaching?

12:00-1:15 Lunch break

1:15-2:15 **Break-out Groups on Articles (Choose one group - To be assigned)**

Facilitators: Fran Kubicek, Anna Maheshwari, Rihab Sawah, Theo Sypris

Group-A

- New technology is beneficial and damaging, including the creation of winners and losers. How can we moderate the damage and accommodate the losers?
- Modern consumer technologies encourage isolated, tech-mediated lives. How can we teach our students the trade-offs, risks, and potential damage of lives?

Group-F

- In regards to Smart Cities, in detail, who benefits and who does not? How can educators help to bridge the gap between the "have's" and "have-not's"?
- What are some common technology issues that can bring us together? Might it take a social movement to make this happen? What would that social movement look like?

Group-R

- Is the world of technology absorbing our attention fully in a way that we become numb to ourselves and others? Has it become a tool of distraction in our daily life to avoid ourselves and others?
- In addition to new rules and regulations, could rising risks in cyber security create a push for un-hackable technology like quantum computing? What possible paradigm shift could occur in the way we view/use technology that is beyond our minds' current imagination?
- As humans, our imaginations give us a unique ability to envision creating what does not yet exist in our world. What will be the role of imagination in a world of AI algorithms? Is it possible that AI machines could learn how to mimic the experience of imagination and create in a fashion similar to humans?

Group-T

- Applications of technology have positive and negative consequences for society and the world. Are there guiding principles, policies, and regulations that we can develop consent on?
- How can we encourage/reward the developers-producers of AI technology to incorporate privacy, safety, accountability, transparency, and environmental sustainability?



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2:15-2:30 Break

2:30-3:30 **Break-out Group Reporting and Debriefing**
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