



Saturday 9th OCTOBER 2010

SCIENTIFIC MEETING

**Man to Superman: Humans, Robots and Communities
Technological advance has give us power beyond measure.
This conference explores the psychological and organisational impact.**

9:30am - 4:30pm

**Registration and tea
from 9:00am -9:30am**

**Hughes Parry Hall,
University of London
36-45 Cartwright Gardens
London WC1H 9EF
(Close to Russell Square tube and Euston Station)**

**Fee: £60
(OPUS Associates £30)
*(Students £30)
includes refreshments and lunch
*Please bring confirmation of status**

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Presenters: Dr. Simon Western and Dr Shankarnarayan Srinath

Chaired by: Simon Tucker and Jan Baker (OPUS Associates)

Dr Simon Western

"Cyborgs and Entanglements: locating ourselves in a strange land"

Simon Western is author of 'Leadership: a critical text' (2008) and more recently 'Eco-leadership: Towards the Development of a New Paradigm'. He works with psychoanalytic and critical theory to argue for an ethical leadership that embraces new technology and science, whilst at the same time placing the human spirit and the environment at the core of the contemporary workplace. He reflects on how new technologies and social change in late modernity have made 'locating ourselves' problematic, with a bewildering struggle with fragmentation, globalization, urbanization and advanced technologies. He argues that 'the other' by which we recognize

ourselves is no longer necessarily human and the human is not easily separated from nature and machines. Animate and inanimate objects become entangled and have agency in our networks and within ourselves.

Dr. Shankarnarayan

“The need for a new kind of wisdom for a new kind of world”

Shankarnarayan Srinath is a consultant psychotherapist and organizational consultant. He asserts that the digital revolution, much like the industrial revolution, has dramatically transformed our world and continues to do so. The rapid replacement of the old order with the new has brought its own anxieties, outpacing society's capacity to adjust to it. How do we adjust to the changes that are deconstructing our world? What impact does this metamorphosis have on our perceptions of time and space, and on the shape and nature of our organizations and communities? Shankarnarayan Srinath argues that the adaptation to the new world requires a new kind of wisdom, a judicious blending of the old with the new, of experience with innovation, and the development of the capacity to look at life with various lenses.

The afternoon will be facilitated using Open Space.