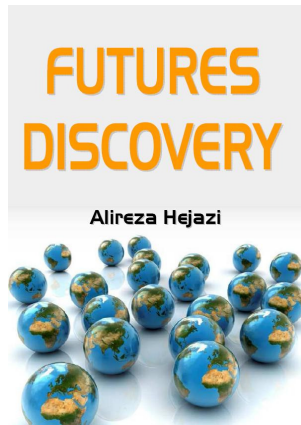


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Futures Discovery's first ebook has just been published. The ebook is organized in three chapters and each chapter deals with the most interesting issues that futurists usually are keen to learn about. The book is written by Alireza HEJAZI an Iranian futurist and thinker who has established FuturesDiscovery.com to meet the Iranian academic society's needs in futures studies knowledge and information. Alireza write the book with three objectives in his mind. These objectives form the chapters of the book.

The first aim was to illustrate a relatively comprehensive picture of the past, current and future situation of futurism and futures studies in his country, Iran. The lack of a coherent written work on historical roots and background of futurism in the Iranian society was a strong stimulus for writing this book. The first chapter, "The Iranian Futurism: Past, Present and Future ahead", represents "a futuristic voice from Iran".

Secondly, Alireza wanted to reflect his personal experience in studying futures in an informal way. This is the objective that forms the second chapter of the book – "My Personal Experience: A Shortcut to Informal Futures Studies". There are many persons around the world who are interested in futures studies, but they may not be able to attend university and college programs. He has given some suggestions and directions in this section of the book to help these people.

HEJAZI says that from the very beginning of his endeavour in futures studies there were number of questions about the future that he wanted to address. He has devoted the third chapter of the book, "Futures Discovery", to nine questions which were the most important from his own perspective. These questions can be a matter of interest and attention even in the long run. In fact, this chapter is a selection of the most interesting articles in which distinguished scientists have shared their ideas with the readers. The topics include the following:

1. *What is reality?*
2. *Do we live in a computer simulation?*
3. *Do we have free will?*
4. *What is life?*
5. *Is the universe deterministic?*
6. *What is consciousness?*
7. *Will we ever have a theory of everything?*
8. *What comes after Homo sapiens?*
9. *What happens after you die?*

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