



## **EUROPEAN VISIONS FOR THE KNOWLEDGE AGE: A Quest for New Horizons in the Information Society**

How will information and communication technologies (ICTs) shape our future? What will the world be like in 10, 20 or even 30 year's time as a result of further advances in technologies such as the Internet? Will the application of ICTs in every aspect of human activity - in the home, at work, in public spaces, in healthcare, etc. - be a blessing or a curse? This book attempts to provide some answers to such questions, but without the resorting to unrealistic expectations.

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Paul T Kidd is a researcher and writer with long experience in the field of manufacturing futures. He has authored several books dealing with modern technologies and their impacts.

Based on the considered views of several European experts, *European Visions for the Knowledge Age* provides a multidisciplinary glimpse into some radical, and sometimes controversial, European perspectives on the future of the information society. The contributors address what *could* be, what *should* be, and sometimes warn about what *should not* be the future. All the chapters have been written with a wide audience in mind and both the technically and the non-technically oriented will find elements in the book that will challenge their taken for granted assumptions.

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