

Artificial intelligence, climate change, population growth – new challenges demand new tools for thinking



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We Are the Experiment

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Our world is changing at such breathtaking speed that we stumble from one crisis into another. We have to learn how to steer through the hurricane.

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Three of the decisive issues determining our future in the twenty-first century – the global population, climate change and the digital world – have something in common: They are the symptoms of exponential growth. The bad news is that we have always found it hard to think such large-scale developments all the way through. The good news is that we are experts at learning.

Will we succeed in employing our powerful new technology to save ourselves, as well as the planet? Will we be able to pull ourselves out of the quagmire? What we need are new tools to think with – a new pact between education and progress.

Christian Stöcker's book is a panic-free but forthright account of the great human experiment and a call to open up and exploit the latest discoveries.

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"Stöcker's book shows what is at stake when digital incompetence sets the tone – well worth reading." *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung on Nerd Attack!*