



# Series 3, 2021

## The Future of Work

Organised by Reese Hart & Kevin Foley

**COVID Planning:** The committee has decided that if we go to Alert Level 2 again, with a limit of 100 at meeting, we will continue our programme. If the speaker's still willing to come we'll send an email inviting members to register for the meeting. The first 88 bookings will be accepted (12 places reserved for the chair, speaker, a/v team, afternoon tea team, etc.). Only members who have registered will be able to attend. We'll have social distancing for seating, and hand sanitiser available.

*U3A lectures are for members only.*

We regret we're unable to welcome visitors to our lectures – to do so would be unfair to those on the membership waiting list.

### 3 May **Work and Wellbeing Economics** *Dr Paul Dalziel*

New Zealand was the first country in the world to present a Wellbeing Budget to its Parliament (30 May 2019). That event reflected a world-wide movement to go beyond traditional measures of economic performance (such as GDP) to explicitly consider people's wellbeing. This has important implications for work, which this talk will explore.

### 10 May **How will Artificial Intelligence impact on jobs and work in New Zealand?** *Dr Alistair Knott*

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is encroaching quite rapidly into the world of human work. In this talk I will report on a project on AI and work that was recently completed at the University of Otago. I will introduce the main AI technologies that are moving into the workplace, and describe the main ways that human work is likely to be affected. I will also discuss how New Zealand companies and policymakers might have to adapt to ensure that AI systems are beneficial for our country.

### 17 May **Work Futures: Trends, Projections and Disruptions** *Dr Paula O'Kane and Dr Sara Walton*

The Work Futures Otago project analyses and forecasts the trends, future projections and potential disruptions in New Zealand with a time horizon of 2040. We construct scenarios that draw together the drivers, differing voices and potential consequences of long-term change. We will outline some of our key findings from our research and outline our latest research, prompted by the COVID19 pandemic, on employee experiences of remote working during these unprecedented times.

#### **2021 PROGRAMME DATES:**

**SERIES 4:** May 31, Jun 14, 21

**SERIES 5:** Jul 5, 12, 19

**SERIES 6:** Aug 2, 9, 16

**SERIES 7:** Sep 6, 13, 20

**SERIES 8:** Oct 4, 11, 18

**SERIES 9:** Nov 1, 8, 15

#### **Meetings**

West End Hall, 35a Maltby Avenue, Timaru.  
Lectures commence at 1.30 pm and conclude about 2.30 pm with questions to follow.  
Coffee/tea will be provided after the meeting.

#### *Please ...*

**Be seated by 1.20 pm**      Wear your name tag  
Turn your cell phone off      No talking during lectures  
Wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions  
Stand when asking a question, and wait for the microphone

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