

Democracy and Futures

In 2006 and 2007 the Parliament of Finland is celebrating its 100th anniversary under the theme "The right to vote – trust in law. One hundred years of Finnish democracy".

In 2005 and in connection to this celebration the Committee for the Future of the Parliament started a project under the theme "Future(s) of democracy".

The Committee for the Future decided to produce an international collection of articles written by distinguished futures researchers around the world. The articles have been collected as one volume with the title "Democracy and Futures".

The aim of the international project was to let professional futures-thinkers to approach the theme of democracy and futures from different cultural, scientific, technological, geographical and other perspectives. New ideas and personal well-argued views were presented.

The volume was edited by Dr. Mika MANNERMAA, Prof. Jim DATOR from the University of Hawaii and Dr. Paula TIIHONEN, Committee counsel of the Committee for the Future.

The experts in futures studies, who made contributions to the book include Dr. Walt ANDERSON (USA), Dr. Clement BEZOLD (USA), Prof. Riccardo CINQUEGRANI (Italy), Prof. Jim DATOR (USA), Director Jerome GLENN (USA), Dr. Fabienne GOUX-BAUDIMENT (France), Prof. Linda GROFF (USA), Prof. Bernd HAMM (Germany), Prof. Sohail INAYATULLAH (Pakistan-Australia), Dr. Mika MANNERMAA (Finland), Prof. Eleonora MASINI (Italy), Prof. Peter METTLER (Germany), Takuya MURATA (Japan), Director Ruben NELSON (Canada), Prof. Erzsébet NOVÁKY – Dr. István KAPPÉTER (Hungary), Prof. Francisco SAGASTI (Peru), Yongseok SEO –Youngsook PARK Harmsen (Korea), and Prof. Bart van STEENBERGEN (The Netherlands).

The collection has been published in September 2006, and an international conference, where the results will be dealt with will be arranged in Finland in January 2007.