

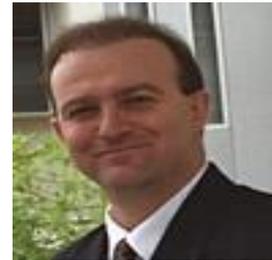
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Educator Spotlight

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Dr. Joseph Voros, a senior lecturer on the faculty of business and enterprise, Swinburne University of Technology, Australia, began his career as a physicist. He holds a PhD in theoretical physics and worked on mathematical extensions to the General Theory of Relativity, after which he worked several years in Internet-related companies, including a stint at Netscape Communications Corporation, before becoming a professional futurist. He has been associated with Swinburne since early 2000, initially as a project consultant in the former Australian Foresight Institute.

In mid 2000, Dr. Voros was appointed as a foresight analyst in Swinburne's own top-level strategic planning unit, and in that practitioner role he was involved in the building of a practical organisational strategic thinking capacity based on the use of foresight concepts and methodologies. During this time he continued to maintain strong links with the strategic foresight teaching program, attending every subject and providing a practitioner's perspective in many invited lectures.

In 2003 Dr. Voros joined the faculty of the strategic foresight teaching program, where he now lectures on the theory and practice of foresight in organisations and society. He teaches into most of the units in the Master of Strategic Foresight and convenes the unit Worldviews and Strategy in the 21st Century, as well as the advanced methodology unit, Foresight Methods 2. In addition, he convenes the MBA unit on Corporate Strategies and Entrepreneurship and teaches into other MBA and postgraduate subjects, bringing a unique "foresight" perspective to each of them. A speaker at national and international conferences, including keynotes, he has authored chapters in three books. Two of his journal articles, "A Generic Foresight Process Framework" and "Introducing a Classification Framework for Prospective Methods" have won excellence awards from the journal's international editorial advisory board.

Dr Joseph Voros' professional interests are broadly multi-disciplinary, and his main research interests are the emerging field of Integral Futures Inquiry and the interplay between futures thinking, policy, management, strategy, and entrepreneurship. He has a strong belief in the

need for both rigorous intellectual discipline as well as practical pragmatic utility in “real world” contexts, and this belief lies at the heart of his approach to Futures Studies, strategic foresight and strategy. A member of the World Futures Studies Federation and a professional member of the World Future Society, he serves on the editorial advisory board of the journals *Foresight* and the *Journal of Integral Theory and Practice*.