

# World Futures Review: Perspectives on Futures Practice and Theory

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## Call for papers

Praxis, from the ancient Greek, is the process by which a theory, lesson or skills is enacted, embodied or realised. Praxis refers to the act of engaging, applying, exercising and practising ideas. As Aristotle notes, theory informs practice and practice shapes theory.

In the foresight literature theory is under-represented and methods dominate the academic publications. So, what is the relationship? In this special issue of *World Futures Review* we seek to understand what works and what doesn't work and why. How does theory underpin futures practice (or does it?) What is the relationship between futures practice, in the form of in-house work or consulting, and futures theory? To what extent is each of these influenced by the other?

We are speculatively interested in:

- How the challenges of practice have led to the emergence of new methodologies or perspectives, and new understandings of existing theory. To what extent have emerging bodies of futures thinking (e.g. Anticipation) already found their way into professional practice?
- Futures practice that has resulted in hybrid methodologies emerging, along with methods and approaches that combine futures insights and insights from other practices and disciplines (for example, [Three Horizons](#) might be thought of a hybrid of futures and systems work).
- How new methodological approaches and new theories of futures arrive in the area of futures practice. For example: what circumstances might lead a client or an institution to opt to use a newer approach such as [Causal Layered Analysis](#) or [Post Normal Futures](#).
- Areas of practice that represent a challenge to theory
- Processes of praxis by which theory and practice have co-evolved.
- What are ontological and epistemological positions that shape methods and practice?

- The focus should be on the interplay of theory, method, and practice.

Accounts of project processes that do not have an appropriate degree of critical reflection about practice will not be accepted.

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We would like to see contributions from practitioners and academics with experience of practice. World Futures Review articles are typically 4,000-6,000 words, but we are also open to shorter or longer contributions

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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