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The founder of the World Economic Forum, Klaus Schwab (2016), underlines that “The fourth industrial revolution is not just about smart and connected machines and systems: its scope is much wider. Waves of further breakthroughs are occurring simultaneously in areas ranging from gene sequencing to nanotechnology, from renewables to quantum computing. It is the fusion of these technologies — and their interaction across the physical, digital and biological domains — that make this revolution fundamentally different from its predecessors.”

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Prospect of jobs in various sectors has been impacted and almost become extinct due to the blazing advancement in computer technology. Its consequences can be felt from enhanced industrial robotics to automated translation services. Every sector in a global economy are derivatives of these new and powerful technologies.

No one knows the impact of these tech innovations better than the people who worked in automotive manufacturing or travel agencies. Their jobs have been replaced by automation, robotics and the software powering these innovations. Skill upgrade and behaviour alteration are the new demands of the disruptive technological environment.

More jobs are getting destroyed than new jobs are being created by the new disruptive technology and its repercussions are felt deep on the job sector, and in the same time growth and median income have almost frozen.

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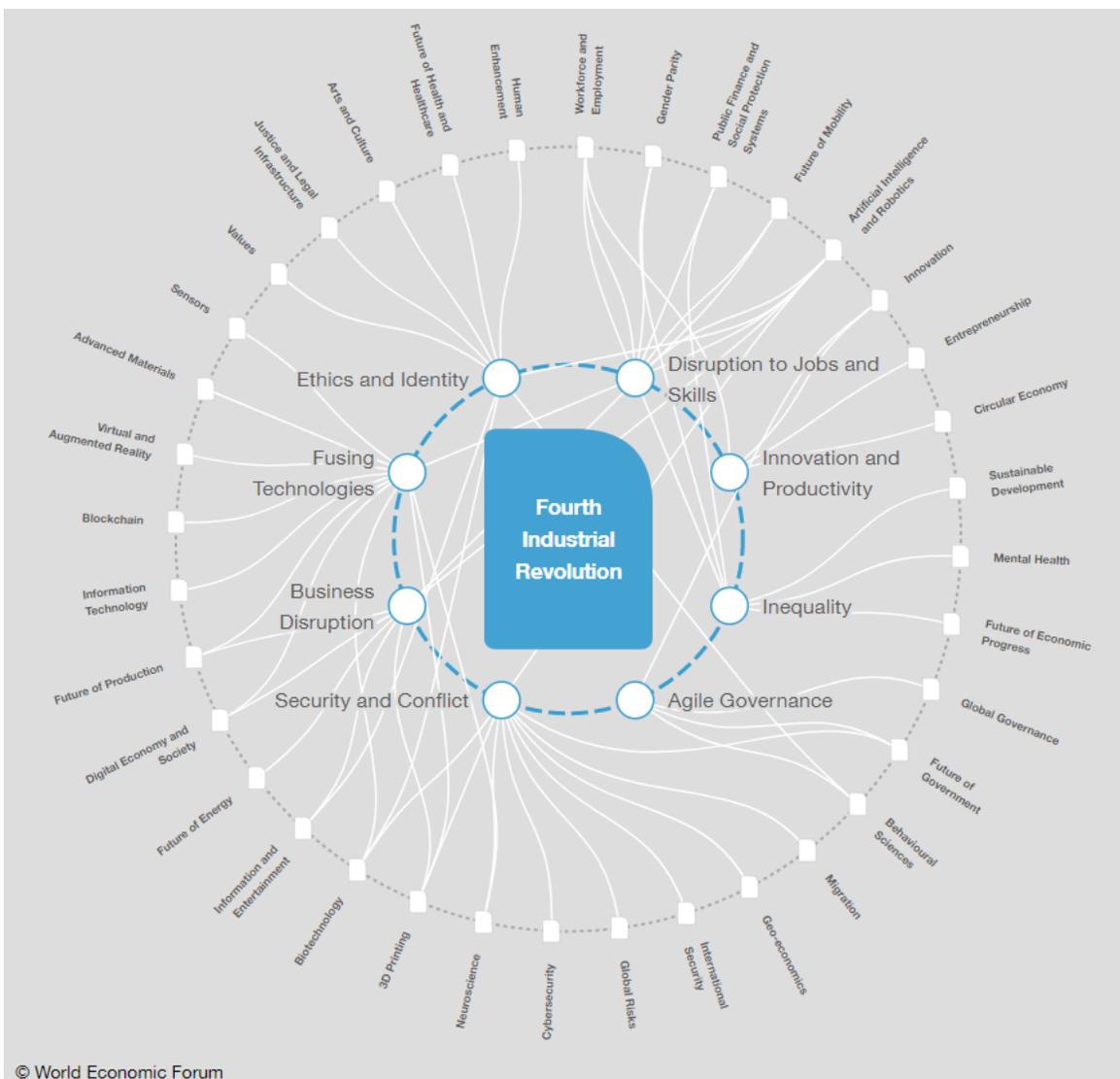
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Innovation and Productivity drove by insights of new forms of entrepreneurship, sustainability and circular economy with shape new goods and services which have not been measured yet and are non-rival. They would be also repeated again and again on circular basis without extra costs and pollution. Use of digital platforms will diminish margins and prices in highly competitive industries. This requires new types of statistics, as traditional productivity statistics may fail. Industry 4.0 will also call for new forms of management with new sets of skills and mindset in society.

Inequality challenges are determined by gender parties, values distribution systems, sustainable economic and human development.

Agile Governance will transform and recreate new forms of global and regional governance and this is closely related also to behavioural sciences innovations but not only digital as e-governance. Industry 4.0 can let governments be more efficient and agile, more accessible transparent and better-tracked society. Nevertheless, technological innovations and open data/open governance initiatives will require a new social contract between government and constituency.

Being more agile should not be the final goal for governance for continuous progression for policymaking in conditions of uncertainty. Future will require more agile policy-making procedures in the resilient environment to social, economic and technological changes. The way of governance with also influence on the macro factor of competitiveness. The multi-stakeholder model applied nowadays in internet governance might be applied in more dimensions of social and business life.

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Fusing Technologies are the benefits of the synergy of AI and Robotics, neuroscience, IT, digital society and economy, VR and AR, 3D printing, advanced materials, IoT biotechnology etc. This is a terra incognita of unknown and undiscovered possibilities for business.

Ethics and Identity will be affected by such insights as new justice and legal infrastructure, new arts and culture on new entertainment space, future of health and healthcare, behavioural sciences, biotechnology and human enhancement. Innovations today raise the question of what it means to be human.

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Applying of Innovations in AI and machine/deep learning etc. remain a factor of the need to be monitored by all stakeholders - business, academia, government and

civil society. AI can be applied in supervision cases over human, automated workforces, safeguarding legal and regulatory decisions, and even carrying out HR functionalities.

Machines empowered by AI run with enormous datasets and patterns programmed into them. This creates an opportunity to apply a sophisticated tech into various industrial applications with which humans cannot compete. A robot as coordinator or machine operator is the next reality as soon as AI adopts to thinking patterns of the human brain.

In the same time, the methods of the machine's accountability and human control of the AI-driven cyber-physical system are the real challenge for all kinds of governance, and the cybersafety of the Industry 4.0. is the real matter to convert cyber threads to the opportunities. Therefore, the cybersecurity solutions and governance are wider space for innovation and applying new ideas which go far beyond the existing scope of IT solution to human and machines interaction.

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