

# Futures Thinking

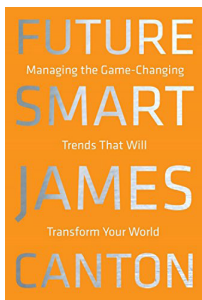
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Futures thinking is not the same as forecasting or strategic planning. Dr. Michael Petty gives listeners a primer. Use this discussion guide to foster additional insight beyond the podcast.

## For Deeper Conversation

1. Do you agree that organizationally wide and systems deep future thinking is a necessity rather than a luxury? Why or why not?
2. What is your organization's history and overall effectiveness at looking to the future and being prepared?
3. Part of the conversation with Mike Petty touches on the difference between scenario and multi-scenario planning? What would it look like for your company to be able to respond to either-or scenarios? Who would watch over them and how?
4. Use the futures methodology by working with the Black Swan exercise Mike Petty details on the Convene Blog. You can access those blog posts here:
  - a. <https://bit.ly/3j2aKva>
  - b. <https://bit.ly/307l0uD>

## Going Deeper Still



*Future Smart*  
by James Canton

<https://amzn.to/3crB0wz>



*The Future is Faster Than You Think*  
by Peter H. Diamandis and Steven Kotler

<https://amzn.to/3mQidQo>

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