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"Complexipacity: Policy-Making in an Increasingly Complex World"

Fifty years ago the word "complex" was primarily a synonym for "complicated." Today, the study of complexity has become a formal scientific discipline, and complex phenomena are widely understood to constitute a special class of reality characterized by incalculable risk, uncertainty, ambiguity and surprises. In the face of mounting evidence that the policy-making environment is, in fact, rapidly becoming more complex, futurist David Pearce Snyder describes how organizations have begun to institutionalize the capacity to deal with their increasingly complex circumstance, even as scholars and researchers pursue a wide array of initiatives for enhancing our collective complexipacity.

Biography

David Pearce Snyder is a consulting futurist and data-based forecaster who has been a Contributing Editor of *The Futurist* since 1979. Mr. Snyder also serves on the Editorial Boards of *On The Horizon* and *World Future Review*.