

bilateral meeting with National University of Singapore

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I got this contact through a professional contact from my previous job who often participates in Foresight exercises organized in Singapore. Adrian and Terence are part of a younger generation of Singaporean futurists. Their main critique to the way Future Studies happen in Singapore is the strong, technocratic focus on growth and competitiveness, and the resulting inability to properly factor in issues like climate change, ideological and societal divisions, or culture wars. The focus of the Futures Office at NUS, however, is not on the future of cities, but on the future of universities. Therefore, it was a great conversation of little practical consequence, I think.