



AI – It’s Not What You Think!

Everyday Life and the Digital Revolution

In this provocative Catalyst Trust talk, Cambridge-trained sociologist Anthony Elliott proposes that much of what passes for conventional wisdom about the AI Revolution is either ill-considered or plain wrong.

The reason? AI is not so much about the future but is rather a revolution already well underway – albeit one that is unfolding in complex and uneven ways across the globe.

From industrial robots to chatbots, and from driverless cars to military drones, AI is transforming all aspects of our lives.

Elliott explores how intelligent machines, advanced robotics, accelerating automation, big data and the Internet of Everything are bringing new forms of social interaction and transforming private life as much as the world of work.

Monday, December 2, noon-1pm, Queenstown Resort College meeting room, \$5 koha at door. Registration is required on Catalyst Trust’s [Eventbrite page](#) (opening a month prior), as numbers are limited. Please bring your tickets (printed, emailed or Eventbrite app).

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Recently, Anthony Elliott was appointed to the Expert Working Group of the Academy of the Council of Learned Academies in Australia to investigate: “Deployment of artificial intelligence and what it presents for Australia.” He is the author of some 40 books in social theory and modern sociology, including most recently *Reinvention*, *Identity Troubles* and *The Culture of AI*, all published by Routledge.