Beyond innovation: How transformative thinking should be part of our daily work

Innovation might be the buzzword word du jour but it is a concept that has existed since the origins of the human race. In fact, the ubiquity of the terms "innovation" and "creativity" in the language of business and management is threatening to empty them of meaning. In this talk we will discuss how we need to go beyond innovation in its traditional sense and consider its implications for our daily work and emergent collaborations. We will also look at best practices and examples that illustrate the true significance of how such transformative thinking has the potential to have an impact on organizations and society writ large.

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