

## The **S**kype Sessions #14

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# Re-thinking and reclaiming 'Citizens' for Future Cities

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The purpose of this Skype session is to challenge and unpick the meaning of citizens and their relationship with cities. Find out the ways in which we use these terms, and what they mean to people. To think about these terms relationally, structurally, and perhaps, begin to reframe citizens as an emergent concept rather than trying to define semantically.

High-profile thinkers, technologists and media outlets are currently discussing the next stages of our human evolution, asking provocative questions about what it means to be a human or post-human in the 21st Century as technology advances our capabilities and introduces new forms of intelligence. Those working on Future and Smart cities are having to consider a future where the prospect of mass migration, inequality, and geo-political, economic and climate uncertainty are all part of the reality.

How much have we thought about the who, what, where and how of future citizens in relation to future cities? Is citizen, a word used so easily and frequently, adequate to incorporate the possible range of voices and actants? What do we actually mean when we use it?

It seems when we shine a light upon our current future cities vernacular, we find it wanting. Perhaps then new terms are needed or we need to reclaim and rethink the terms we already have.

## How to attend

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