

Professor Ian Angell

Europe's leading IT Visionary & Prof. Emeritus of Information Systems at the LSE

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About

Professor Ian Angell is Europe's leading IT guru and visionary. He is Professor Emeritus of Information Systems at the London School of Economics, arguably the most prestigious Information Systems Chair in the United Kingdom, and a member of the United Nations Steering Committee of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation at the Regional Office for Science and Technology for Europe, based in Venice.

His growing reputation comes as the culmination of over thirty years work developing a new perspective on information systems, stressing that the social, economic and organisational issues are more important than the technological ones: even the very best investment in new technology can be a source of commercial risk, if the societal aspects are not managed properly.

Ian Angell has a first degree in Pure Mathematics, and a doctorate in Algebraic Number Theory, although he now claims to be an "ex-mathematician". He first came to prominence through his work in computer graphics, and apart from his academic output he has written the software and produced animation sequences for television advertisements and for science and business TV programmes. At one time the animation package he wrote with one of his students, Gareth Griffith, was the market leader in the UK. Griffith subsequently went on to write software used in Spielberg's Jurassic Park and other major films.

Ian acts as a consultant on the management, security and strategic impact of information systems, to many national and international organisations and to a number of governments and the EU. Until 2000 he was a personal advisor to the Cabinet of the Director General of UNESCO, and he has consulted for the Russian Ministry of Science on the impact of IT on employment.

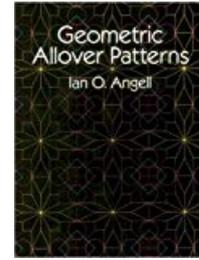
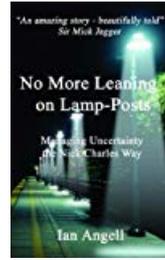
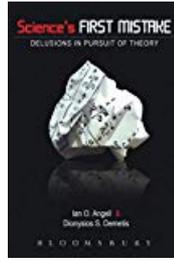
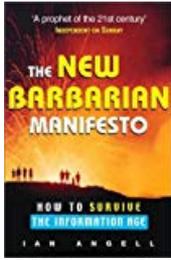
He has also come to the attention of some very senior international businessmen and politicians who have invited him for private discussions about his ideas. In May 2003 he was asked to hold number of private advisory sessions with three of the sons of Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai. The CEO of Warner-Lambert once wrote to him saying that, because of a presentation he had made to W-L senior executives in Orlando, the company was changing its whole approach to Internet business.

Professor Angell presented his ideas before the Parliamentary IT Committee at the Palace of Westminster to a cross-party group from both Lords and Commons, and they were "profoundly disturbed" and "visibly shaken" by his forecasts. He was nevertheless invited to be the first to give evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on e-commerce in Europe, where he "managed to knock the gyroscope over".

Undoubtedly it is Professor Ian Angell's radical and controversial views on the global consequences of IT that has brought him such a high-profile reputation as a 'futurologist' in business circles and in the media.

Ian's work has generated substantial media interest, and he is frequently interviewed for radio (particularly Radio 4 and BBC World Service) and television. Appearances include all five British terrestrial channels, Sky, NBC, CNN, and national television in Australia, Canada, Hungary, Italy, and Poland, as well as many business satellite channels.

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