

Discussion Questions for Week 3 (no requirement to hand them in – just for discussion)

- Where do you personally think we are on a life cycle with respect to the evolution of the 'digital networked world?' (i.e. infancy, early rapid stages of growth, slowing growth, maturity, slow decline, rapid decline) Do you see the future as one of further retrenchment, stagnation, or growth?
- Predictions are that the next decade will bring less personal freedom due to government and business surveillance, and much larger social networks. We are also at risk of increased structural unemployment in many sectors as 'industrial automation' advances. What do *you* think will be a significant development related to doing business in the world wide web in the next decade?

**What, then, do you think is the 'next big thing'?**

- I will argue that we are experiencing change at an ever-increasing pace. Things that used to take years or months are now happening in months or weeks. Self-driving cars, for example, we considered an innovation within 10 to 15 years about 3 years ago, and now they are here, but not exactly as we anticipated. Do you agree with this observation?