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## Preface

Although many people think of the developments within Information and Communications Technology (ICT) as being purely computational and mathematically based in reality it is the human and social changes that are the most dramatic and far reaching.

This book provides an overview of some of the most important aspects of human experience that have been impacted by this developing technology, namely education, commerce and security. ICT has dramatically altered the ways in which we view education and commerce, providing not only new academic sub-disciplines but also substantial changes to society as a whole. Included within this book are contributions that document these changes, the reasons for them and how they will develop in the future. Leading authorities from around the world describe their research in papers that cover the full range of theoretical and practical implications for this new technology. These range from strategic issues in deciding how a new technology can aid a nation's educational, intellectual and commercial development, through to extremely detailed coverage of the very latest developments in security for mobile devices.

It is our hope that readers of this book will not only find in depth information about the latest scientific developments in the field but also a perspective that shows how these new technologies and techniques directly impact our lives and our common futures. It is this image of a common future that is increasingly important because the Internet Society is a global society that touches and affects us all.

Konrad Morgan & Mike Spector  
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