

## Global Decision Makers Alert: Leaders for a New Epoch

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Professor Yehezkel Dror, the Co-Founder and Leading Scholar for The Policy Sciences, has completed his classic study on leadership: *Avant-Garde Politician: Leaders for a New Epoch*.<sup>1</sup> It contains critically important analysis and recommendations for political leadership everywhere. Yehezkel Dror has previously published original articles on Governance for the Future of Humans in Space.<sup>2</sup>

Information and structure for his new book follows:

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### Avant-Garde Politician: Leaders for a New Epoch

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#### On the Book

Humankind is cascading through radical changes comparable in significance to the invention of stone tools by proto-humans 1.5 million years ago. Emerging science and technology provide opportunities for unprecedented thriving. But they will also produce serious crises, up to fatal dangers resulting from humanity acquiring for the first time multiple capabilities to destroy itself, above and beyond the risks of nuclear weapons or climate change.

Rising sea levels and desertification, in part due to human action, will cause misery and mass population migrations. Molecular engineering, mass data processing, and quasi-intelligent robots will result in mass unemployment and further widen the gap between rich and poor. Synthetic biology, human enhancement, and cloning could easily run amok. And fanatic prophets and murderous dictators could unleash killer viruses.

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<sup>1</sup> Yehezkel Dror, *Avant-Garde Politician: Leaders for a New Epoch* (Washington, DC: Westphalia Press, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> Yehezkel Dror, "Governance for a Human Future in Space," Chapter 5 in *Beyond Earth: The Future of Humans in Space*, ed. Bob Krone (Toronto, ON: Apogee Space Books, 2006). His Policy Sciences works were identified as the third component of the Kepler Space Institute's proposed *Philosophy for Space* published in the first issue of the *Journal of Space Philosophy* 1, no. 1, Article #8. The other two basic components were "Reverence for Life" and "Ethical Civilization." The Policy Sciences were selected as the best implementation methodology for the governance of future human Space settlements.

We are not equipped to handle what is sure to come and the vast majority of our political leaders are incapable of coping with unprecedented dangers and utilizing novel opportunities. Therefore we must change our ways. It is essential to have strict regulation of potentially dangerous or “human enhancement” science and technology, total prevention of dangerous fanaticism, enforced settlement of bloody conflicts, a Global Human Constitution setting up a strictly circumscribed “Global Leviathan” regime strictly limited to preventing “Hell” on earth, duties added to human rights, and strenuous efforts to advance social justice worldwide.

First of all it is vital to develop a new breed of what the author calls avant-garde politicians, willing and able to compose and implement human-centered policies, looking beyond our current tribalisms to a pan-human communality. No less essential are new modalities for pondering on novel challenges and improving unavoidable high-stakes fuzzy policy gambles.

### **Audience**

Based on multiple disciplines and the author’s experiences in “hot corridors” of power, this book evaluates dangers and opportunities, proposes humanity-craft policies, and explores the required qualities of avant-garde politicians. The result will be of interest to leaders, policy advisors, scholars, scientists, students, and, indeed, anyone concerned about the future of humanity.

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**About the Authors:** Bob Krone, PhD, is President of the Kepler Space Institute, Founder of the *Journal of Space Philosophy* and its Editor-in-Chief. Gordon Arthur, PhD, is Associate Editor of the *Journal of Space Philosophy*. They were delighted to have the publication information of Professor Yehezkel Dror's latest work in time to announce in this Spring 2014 issue of the Journal. They urge widest distribution of ***Avant-Garde Politician: Leaders for a New Epoch***. Humanity on Earth and as it spreads into Space will be vastly improved if global decision makers study and implement the prescriptions for leadership of Yehezkel Dror.