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Marina Gorbis is a futurist and social scientist who serves as executive director to the Institute for the Future (ITF), a Silicon Valley nonprofit research and consulting organization. In her 14 years with ITF, Marina has brought a futures perspective to hundreds of organizations in business, education, government, and philanthropy to improve innovation capacity, develop strategies, and design new products and services.

Marina's current research focuses on how social production is changing the face of major industries, a topic explored in detail in her book, *The Nature of the Future: Dispatches from the Socialstructured World*. She has also blogged and written for *BoingBoing.net*, *FastCompany*, *Harvard Business Review*, and major media outlets.

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