

# Research **Agenda 2019**

**The theme of LEF's research in 2019 will be Modelling Your Digital Future. Through a series of projects, publications and events, we will identify and assess emerging models at many levels: economic and governmental models, network business models, financial models for IT systems and activity, organizational and architectural models – and, perhaps most importantly, the associated mental, cultural and leadership models. The goal is to give you and your organization a comprehensive way to perceive and pursue a 21st century future.**

Within IT, business, and even at the level of nations, there are complex ongoing debates about culture, structure, manipulation and control. There's no clear path forward. How do we assess emerging technologies such as blockchain and AI? We are urged to become more 'digital' but told this needs the right 'culture'. New business models abound: platforms, hybrid, serverless... Which should we try?

Who should we take as role models? Should we surrender control and risk lock-in to the giants that seem to have things sorted, or take responsibility and build it ourselves? Is there anything Amazon won't address? Are we already locked in to Android? Meanwhile the world around us is also changing fast. Should we worry about China? What about India? Where are the next challenges coming from?

Key research topics and deliverables from the [LEF research team](#) will include:

- **Digital Working Practices: East v West**
- **The Evolution of Devolution**
- **Using Financial Models to Model IT Systems**
- **The State of Digital Transformation**
- **Is Blockchain the Missing Link?**
- **The Tech Ethics Landscape**
- **Archetypal Architectures and Architects of the Future**
- **Space: The Organisational Frontier**
- **What Culture is Right for You?**

In the bewildering and dazzling world of technology, you can be forgiven for feeling lost. It's hard to see who to listen to, who to learn from and what we should adopt. The business press isn't infallible and there seems to be more fake news in IT than there is in politics. The theme of LEF research in 2019 is to take stock and look for signals in the noise. We will identify key new economic, organizational and behavioural models that will help you decide what is right for your organization – and create the space and culture you need to achieve it.