

Title: Rethink Smart building – What is human-beings' role in it?

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Abstract: Solutions in the building sector towards a more sustainable future often include smarter buildings, though the definition of “smart building” is still being debated. In most scenarios, these are buildings equipped with highly (or even fully) automated systems coordinated through central control, with the intention and expectation to deliver better building performance informed by large volume of data collected continuously. It has not been clearly articulated what the role of human-beings, i.e. building users, are in these buildings. This topical lunch will facilitate a discussion on human-beings' role in the future smart building concept, and extend it to a broader dialogue about the cultural, social and psychological implications of technological advances that are far more profound than the physical transformations in buildings they have engendered.