WHERE TO OT?

Global Occupational Transformation, in a Technologically, Climatically and Politically Changing Future . . .

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Introduction
Impact of the 4th industrial and technological revolution on OT profile

- Reshaping the traditional structure of employment
- Changes in the traditional time, structure, and site of work
- Will require upskilling of existing workers to new types of work yet unknown in the current occupational therapy terminology and classifications
- An upsurge in occupations that require fine motor and new cognitive skills and a reduction in gross motor occupations
- Challenges affecting interpersonal relationships and the spiritual and ethical integrity of humanity
The impact of Global Warming and Global Conflict

2017 = warmest year on record

Arctic sea ice is declining and melting at its fastest rate in 1,500 years

Sea levels rising by 1M would be enough to flood 17000 sq km in Bangladesh, resulting in displacement of 15 million people
Impact of Global Warming: An occupational perspective

- **Extreme weather changes** will result in rising sea levels, massive veld fires and extensive droughts which will cause:
  - Displacement of people = affects employment, residential security, agriculture, food and job security
  - Displacement of certain agricultural and other life sustaining industries
  - Occupational injustice

- **Global unrest** (e.g. North Africa, Syria and Rohingya)
  - Further displacement of people
  - Political instability and unrest as tensions between countries rise due to the influx of refugees
Not all doom and gloom
Where does Occupational Therapy fit into all this?

doing  being  belonging  becoming
Where does OT fit in?
Where does Occupational Therapy fit into all this?

I am really 😞 with u 😍 OMG what R U ４? IMHO U R over reacting!
Wo/Man as Totality

Soma (Body)
Pysche
Soul (Spiritual)
Context
Christians are the largest religious group in 2015

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