



## Dr. jose ramos

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### Profile

I am a social innovator, researcher, advocate for our commons and mutant futurist. I have 20 years as a futures thinker / advocate, writer and organiser. I have a great passion for exploring who we are as planetary beings, which includes ethnographic study of alternative globalizations, writings on planetary stigmergy / collaboration, and research on cosmo-localization. This line of work connects me to the truth that we are all brothers and sisters on a planet that we mutually depend on for our survival and wellbeing - our shared commons. I am originally from California of Mexican ancestry. Born in Oakland, I grew up in a very multi-cultural suburb of Los Angeles. After living in Japan and Taiwan, where I studied Japanese and Mandarin, I moved to Melbourne Australia to be with my wife, De Chantal. We have two children, son Ethan and daughter Rafaela.

### Experience

#### **DIRECTOR, ACTION FORESIGHT – 2010-PRESENT**

Run over 50 projects with a variety of clients, ranging from teaching foresight, evaluations, visioning and strategic planning, consulting, experimental theatre, scenario building, case study documentation, and other projects.

#### **LECTURER – 2007-PRESENT**

Taught and lectured on futures studies, public policy and social innovation at the National University of Singapore (Lee Kuan Yee School of Public Policy), Swinburne University of Technology (Australia), Leuphana University (Germany), the University of the Sunshine Coast (Australia) and Victoria University (Australia).

#### **RESEARCHER / WRITER – 2001-PRESENT**

Over 50 publications in journals, magazines and books spanning economic, cultural and political change, foresight / futures, public policy, globalisation and social innovation.

#### **SOCIAL INNOVATOR – 2004-PRESENT**

Co-founded a number of civil society organizations, a social forum, a maker lab, an advocacy group for commons governance, and a peer to peer leadership development group for mutant futurists, among other endeavours.

### Education

Queensland University of Technology - Ph.D., 2010; Swinburne University of Technology - Master of Science, 2003; University of California, Irvine - Bachelor of Arts, 1995