

# Chapter 2

## Smart Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Algorithms (STARA): Employees' Perceptions and Wellbeing in Future Workplaces



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**Abstract** Futurists predict that a third of jobs that exist today could be replaced by smart technology, artificial intelligence, robotics and algorithms (STARA). Robots will handle 52% of current work tasks by 2025, almost twice as many as in 2019. Rapid changes in machines and algorithms or computer processes could create 133 million new roles in place of 75 million that will be displaced between 2019 and 2022 (World Economic Forum, The Citizen, 2018). The objective of the chapter was to present a critical review of how employees perceive technological innovations (STARA) with regard to their own jobs and careers, and their wellbeing in future workplaces. STARA awareness is a measure that encapsulates the extent to which employees feel their career could be replaced by these modes of technology. Age as a moderator of STARA also plays a role due to career development and technology expertise associated with age. STARA awareness will not only effect job outcomes, but also wellbeing outcomes. The way employees construct their identity with their career and evaluate their own career achievement can have an impression on their financial and psychological wellbeing (Mirvis & Hall, *Journal of Organizational Behavior*, 15(4), 237–255, 1996; Wiese, Freund, & Baltes, *Journal of Vocational Behavior*, 60(3), 321–335, 2002). Brougham and Haar, *Journal of Management & Organization*, 24(2), 239–257 (2018) state that, in their research, greater STARA awareness was negatively correlated to organisational commitment and career satisfaction, and positively correlated to turnover intentions, cynicism and depression.

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## 2.1 Introduction

In today's high-tech and robotised environment, examples of rapid changes that effect how people function at home as well as in the workplace can be observed. Toyota recently announced a large-scale billion-dollar project to develop self-driving cars that cannot be collided and home robots with higher indoor mobility (Toyota US Newsroom, 2015). The CEO of Ford, Mark Fields, also pronounced that the corporate would produce 43 million self-driving cars by 2020 (Cava, 2016). According to James Albaugh, a retired CEO of Boeing Commercial Airlines, the "pilotless airliner is going to come; it's just a question of when" (Patterson, 2012). In the academic world, NC State University introduced a high-tech library using a robotic system called bookBot to retrieve books when students make requests. This latest technology condensed library storage space by 88% and distributes books to students within 5 min (NC State University—NCSU Libraries, 2017). By the end of 2017, the estimated number of industrial robots in action around the world was approximately 1.9 million (West, 2015). Nearly 47% of all human jobs (mostly in manufacturing, transportation and logistics, and office and administrative support) in the US will be replaced by robots, machines, automations or computerisation that can do the work faster, better and with less expense in the long run (Chuang & Graham, 2018; Frey & Osborne, 2017).

The Society for Industrial and Organisational Psychology (SIOP) announced its Top 10 Workplace Trends for 2019. These tendencies are founded on member surveys and signify the matters that will have the utmost impression on the workplace in 2019. The Top 10 Workplace Trends symbolise wide-ranging, multifaceted issues of contemporary society that pose problematic challenges to the corporate world. To produce this list, SIOP probed its members, industrial-organisational (I-O) psychologists, for their forecasts based on their collaborations with clients and associates, composed those answers and requested members to choose the top 10 matters corporations are probable to confront in 2019. More than 800 members replied, and artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) transpired as the number one trend for 2019 (SIOP Communications Department, 2019).

## 2.2 Chapter Objective

The objective of the chapter is to present a critical review of how employees perceive technological innovations (STARA) with regard to their own jobs and careers, and their wellbeing in future workplaces.

## 2.3 Background

The human workforce is going through a mandated advancement (Jackson, 2014). The collective impact of advanced changes and benefits, and the associated drawbacks, are critical issues that require in-depth dialogues about the workforce. Although the transformation of the workforce may take place over a century, Elliott (2014) suggests that organisations should understand the growing capabilities of technology and its impact on the workforce over the next decade or two (Chuang & Graham, 2018). Stephen Hawking and Bill Gates have warned of mass unemployment due to the rise of smart technology, artificial intelligence, robotics and algorithms, which are termed STARA (Bort, 2014; Lynch, 2015). It is estimated that 33% of occupations that exist today could be diminished by STARA by 2025 (Frey & Osborne, 2013; Thibodeau, 2014) because of advances in robotic dexterity and intelligence, joined with low-cost autonomous units that can possibly outperform people at many work serious and dynamic undertakings (Frey & Osborne, 2013). Instances of these sorts of innovation incorporate retail self-checkout frameworks, cell phone applications, robotisation in bookkeeping, the web of things and future advances in driverless vehicles. The cost-advantage on these kinds of innovation makes it try to think about the prolongation of workers in certain positions (Brougham & Haar, 2018).

Fascinatingly, STARA is not being utilised into simply low-paid, low-talented jobs. Hi-tech algorithms are being utilised in legitimate research, and information-writing algorithms inside corporate and broad communications are becoming more progressively. Besides, the use of robots with high-precision finesse are waning fundamentally. An investigation of 702 professions itemised the probability of STARA seizing employment. Occupations at peril incorporate, for instance, bookkeepers, statistical surveying investigators, business pilots, client administration, sales, and office and organisation employees (Frey & Osborne, 2013). STARA could likewise substantially affect therapeutic (Bloss, 2011; Lorentziadis, 2014), instruction (for instance through web-based learning), transportation, farming, ranger service and angling enterprises. In general, this fundamental research demonstrated that 47% of occupations are in danger of being taken by STARA (Brougham & Haar, 2018).

## 2.4 Literature Review

### 2.4.1 *Emerging Digital Workspaces of Industry 4.0*

The term ‘Industry 4.0’ is often used to refer to the fourth industrial revolution (Kagermann et al., 2013). The concept of Industry 4.0 describes the increasing digitisation of the entire value chain and the resulting interconnection of people, objects and systems through real-time data exchange (Spath et al., 2013; Dorst,

Hahn, Knafla, Loewen, & Rosen, 2015). As a result of that interconnection, products, machines and processes are equipped with AI and are enabled to adapt to spontaneous changes in the environment independently. Furthermore, smart technology becomes embedded in broader systems, which enhances the creation of flexible, self-controlling production systems. There are various fields of application for smart technology and systems; however, the focus is still on industrial applications (Porter & Heppelmann, 2015; Huber & Kaiser, 2015; Hecklauer, Galeitzke, Flachsa, & Kohl, 2016).

An essential facet of Industry 4.0 is autonomous production methods powered by robots that can complete tasks intelligently, with the focus on safety, flexibility, versatility and collaboration. Without the need to isolate its working area, its integration into human workspaces becomes more economical and productive, and opens up many possible applications in industries. Robots that are more industrial are evolving with the latest technological innovation to facilitate the industrial revolution. Smart robots will not only replace humans in simply structured workflows within closed areas (Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, 2014). In Industry 4.0, robots and humans will work hand in hand, so to speak, on interlinking tasks and using smart-sensor human-machine interfaces. The use of robots is widening to include various functions, namely, production, logistics and office management (to distribute documents), and they can be controlled remotely. If a problem occurs at a production plant, for example, a worker will receive a message on his/her mobile phone, which is linked to a webcam, so he/she can see the problem and give instructions to let the production continue until he/she comes back the next day. Thus, the plant operates 24 h a day while workers are only there during the day (Bahrin, Othman, Azli, & Talib, 2016).

Thus, the fourth industrial revolution is based on cyber physical systems, the internet of things and the internet of services. More companies and nations are joining the movement and are using different approaches to be competitive and to benefit from the productivity and economic gains it provides. Although Industry 4.0 covers a very wide area of application in the manufacturing industry, the trend is quickly materialising through the emergence of robotic and automation product innovation that is tailored for the industrial revolution. Hecklauer et al. (2016) state that Industry 4.0 creates many new opportunities for companies, but at the same time, several challenges are arising from the ongoing automation and digitisation.

Financial challenges: Amongst an ongoing globalisation process, organisations have to cope with reduced time to market, shorter product life cycles, and the need to cut costs in order to stay competitive (Helmrich, 2015). Organisations need to rationalise their innovation processes and transform their business model to a sophisticated level of service orientation (Shahd & Hampe, 2015). In addition, customer expectations have changed towards a higher level of customisation and flexibility. As a result, markets have become increasingly volatile and heterogeneous (Stock-Homburg, 2013). Therefore, the need for collaboration is more pronounced than before. Companies now have to enter strategic alliances with their suppliers or competitors to stay competitive (Hecklauer et al., 2016).

**Societal challenges:** Strategies are needed to attract young people, whilst retaining the expertise of older employees. Younger generations express contrary social values, such as the growing importance of a good work–life balance (Stock-Homburg, 2013). In addition, increasing virtual work and flexible work topics require new forms of lifelong learning (Brühl, 2015). Processes are becoming more multifarious, leading to an increase in jobs that require higher qualifications. Therefore, organisations need to qualify their employees for more strategic, coordinating and creative tasks with advanced responsibilities (Hecklaua et al., 2016).

**Technical challenges:** Companies must be able to deal with a large amount of data (big data) efficiently (Huber & Kaiser, 2015). Extensive IT infrastructures, like communications networks and internet protocols, need to be built and implemented (Brühl, 2015). Standardised interfaces and open architectures that enable co-operative work on different platforms have to be developed (Shahd & Hampe, 2015). The storage of large amounts of data on external servers raises the additional problem of cybersecurity since data must be protected from unauthorised access. Employees must further acquire the necessary skills to be equipped for the increase in virtual work (Hecklaua et al., 2016; Stock-Homburg, 2013).

**Ecological challenges:** One main challenge affecting the environment is ongoing climate change (Stock-Homburg, 2013). Conditions in the biosphere change continuously, which has an impact on all living creatures within the system. In addition, the efficient utilisation of ecological resources is becoming more critical, considering most of them are scarce. As a result, organisations are beginning to recognise their role in driving sustainable solutions (Hecklaua et al., 2016; Spath et al., 2013).

**Political and legal challenges:** Governments need to support organisations with the development of new technologies as well as the incorporation of those technologies in the current environment. Furthermore, governments need to institute legal parameters for the usage of big data. The most important concern is the protection of privacy, because data will be collected on every system while interacting with smart objects (Brühl, 2015). Rising work flexibility further requires the establishment of policies and procedures regarding work times and safety matters to protect employees (Hecklaua et al., 2016).

## **2.5 Smart Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Algorithms (STARA)**

The future of world of work compels us to consider the biggest questions of our time: What influence will the continuing march of STARA have on where we work and how we work? Will we need to work at all? What is our place in an automated world? Many analysts focus on smart technology and the impact that automation is predicted to have on careers and the workplace. The real story is far more complicated—it is less about technological innovation and more about the manner in

which humans decide to use that technology. The shape that the workforce of the future takes will be the result of complex, changing and competing forces. Some of these forces are evident, but the speed at which it unfold is hard to predict. Policies and laws, the governments that impose them and broad trends in consumer, citizen and employee sentiment will all influence the transition toward an automated workplace. The outcome of this battle will determine the future of careers in 2030 (Kojm, 2012). When so many complex forces are at play, linear predictions are too simplistic. Organisations, governments and individuals need to be prepared for a number of possible, even seemingly unlikely, outcomes. STARA will be conceptualised in more detail in the following sections (Stubbings, 2018).

## 2.6 Smart Technology

Durães, Carneiro, Bajo, and Novais (2018) state that the rapid progress of wireless communication and sensing smart technologies has enabled the development of smart learning environments that can detect the environmental context and quantify the attention of an employee in his/her workplace. In the field of computer science, a smart environment is a digitally augmented physical world where sensor-enabled and networked devices work continuously and collaboratively to make the lives of citizens more comfortable. Significant developments in smart devices, wireless mobile communications, sensor networks, pervasive computing, machine learning, robotics, middleware and agent technologies, and human–computer interfaces have made the aspiration of smart environments a reality. The concept “smart” denotes the ability to autonomously acquire and apply knowledge, and the concept “environment” denotes employee’s surroundings (Cook & Das, 2005).

Alongside with this technological evolution, job offers have changed, bringing along many significant and wide-ranging changes. Some of the most tarnished changes are the emergence of indicators such as attentiveness, which, in extreme cases, can compromise the life and well-being of employees. In moderate circumstances, it will impair attention, general cognitive skills and productivity. Several of these careers are the so-called desk jobs, in which people frequently sit for more than eight hours (Durães et al., 2018; Liao & Drury, 2000).

## 2.7 Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The potential for digital platforms and AI to underpin and develop the world of work is unbounded. This platform stratum creates a digital value chain, commoditisation, and automation of the back office, but it comes with warnings. While it can create a thriving trading sphere, it can sprout to take over the entire financial

system, and with platform, pervasiveness comes vulnerability to cyberattacks or wide-scale manipulation (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 2010). Closely linked to digital platforms is data. How governments, organisations and individuals decide to share and use, it is key to our worlds—even the most human-centric. AI in the form of digital assistants or ‘chatbots’, and machine learning, could understand, learn, and then act based on that information.

It is useful to think of three levels of AI. Assisted intelligence, which is widely available today, improves what people and organisations are already doing. An example is the Global Positioning System navigation programme that offers directions to drivers and adjusts to road conditions. Augmented intelligence, which is emerging today, helps individuals and organisations to do things they would otherwise not be able to do. For example, vehicle ride-sharing businesses would not be able to exist without the combination of programmes that organise the service. Autonomous intelligence, which is being developed for the future, establishes machines that act on their own. For example, self-driving vehicles, when they come into widespread use. Some visionaries believe AI could create a world where human abilities are amplified as machines help mankind process, analyse and evaluate the abundance of data that creates today’s world, allowing humans to spend more time engaged in high-level thinking, creativity and decision-making (Stubbings, 2017, 2018).

AI and ML are two major drivers of the advancement of big data and technology. Part of the challenge in understanding, evaluating and leveraging these technologies is that, unlike other areas of human resources, they are inherently multidisciplinary. Indeed, nearly any AI- or ML-related start-up with a nexus to human resources will have teams that are dominated by engineers, computer scientists, developers, data scientists and other tech-/math-savvy specialists. The market for AI/ML applications in human resources has continued to grow. Therefore, the focus continues to be on the technology, a trend that is not expected to abate anytime soon. Moreover, in such a technology-dominated environment, it is easy for a relatively small field like I-O psychology to get lost in the shuffle and to lose sight of the critical role “I-Os” can play (Putka & Dorsey, 2018).

## 2.8 Robotics

Up to the present time, most robots have been “slaves” to their human operatives, but they are gaining much greater power and autonomy. The increasing use of robots has sparked the question how robots can be integrated successfully into human–robot teams. Richards (2017a) indicates that teams can share goals through delegation between humans and robots, or “agent” members. There is a lot of paranoia surrounding the increasing power and capacity of robots. Media scare reports insinuate robots will soon take great swathes of today’s careers, especially

in industries that already use advanced automation. Undoubtedly, there is some justification for the anxiety. In 2014 robot sales across the world increased by 29% to 229,261 units in comparison to the previous year. In most cases, robots allow humans to be withdrawn from monotonous, challenging or dangerous tasks (Richards, 2017a).

Advanced robotics is taking expansion to the next level and will pose more questions about robot–human integration. New designs of robots are adept of becoming agent-based models (ABMs) that can be connected not only to other robots, but also to a wider network composed of both humans and machines. This is already becoming conventional. Human–robot teams are used in advanced space systems, as well as in day-to-day activities. A robot tour guide may accompany visitors to museums, and some hospitals are already using robot helpers. In a short time, the ABMs will be helping people in their homes, especially frail or ageing people. Robots will increasingly be part of human–agent teams in advanced industrial plants (Richards, 2017a).

Current reasoning about gathering elements has justifiably centered on how people identify with one another. Nevertheless, this probably will not be very pertinent to robot–human connections. In human groups, individuals will in general depend not just on verbal conventions to build up and see perspectives, yet in addition on the sorts of non-verbal correspondence practices that are not normal for robots, at any rate not yet. There are likewise understood human social standards that control conduct and make a gathering character. The nature of trust is additionally pivotal if groups are to perform well. To date, most robots have been acquainted as slaves with human workers. They have given unsurprising sources of information, which has made it easy to understand their intentions. It is not that hard to incorporate those robots. Notwithstanding, when the operators have more self-governance, a human–robot gathering will require a more noteworthy level of adaptability to consider the assignment of power. A formal system of control could help the communications of people and robots to function admirably. The human operators could see the robot components in two distinctive ways. The main alternative would be a base up methodology, which means the ABMs would keep on being basic machine-slaves that satisfy human objectives. The second alternative would be a top-down methodology, which means the ABMs would be viewed as equivalent individuals from the group. A top-down methodology would enable the elements of the group to shape similarly as in customary human groups, with characterised jobs and standards of conduct (Richards, 2017b).

At the point when robots become increasingly self-ruling, there might be a requirement for exceptional observing of what they are doing. Human sub-managers could be acquainted with monitoring their development. Security basic frameworks, for instance, may utilise robots to perform relentless errands, however a human would screen their conduct to ensure wellbeing was not compromised. On the other hand, an ABM may play out a progression of complex practices, yet hold back before a last activity except if approved by a human.



Notwithstanding, if security was not a factor, a robot could be permitted more noteworthy opportunities. Richards (2017b) additionally talks about a further developed phase of ABM self-rule where they become managers of human groups. He demonstrates this would raise various issues. Above all else, numerous workers may lean toward a fellow human manager. Richards (2017b) additionally contends that if a robot turned into a manager, people would normally scrutinise the idea of the errands close by. Just other robot individuals from the group would not suggest conversation starters except if they were intended to do as such.

In surveying the achievement of robot—specialist groups, it is not sufficient to break down just the quantitative viewpoints. Any examination needs to consider the long haul impacts that acquainting robots with a group may have on human components. What will be the effect on trust in the gathering overall? By what method will mentalities to work and other colleagues change? It might be that profitability rises at first, yet the group's elements change with the goal that blunders become progressively normal. After some time, in any case, a portion of the inquiries that emerge from human—specialist collaborations may turn out to be less essential. As fabricated brainpower propels, robots may come to be viewed as social specialists. At last, a group may turn into a solitary unit with a common “limited judiciousness” (Richards, 2017b).

## 2.9 Algorithms

The rise of the internet created a hope among economists and policymakers that it would lower labour market search costs and lead to better market outcomes. In numerous online item advertises, the making stage presently goes past essentially giving data in that it makes unequivocal, algorithmically produced proposals about whom to exchange with or what to purchase (Resnick & Varian, 1997; Adomavicius & Tuzhilin, 2005; Horton, 2017; Varian, 2010). Algorithmic frameworks can attempt to gather inclinations, decide the attainable decision set and afterward explain the eventual purchaser's compelled advancement issue. Getting it done, calculations can join data not accessible to any individual gathering. Moreover, these calculations have zero peripheral expense, and suggestion quality possibly improves with scale. To date, calculations have been uncommon in labour markets, however as more parts of the work advertise become computer-mediated, suggestions will turn out to be progressively achievable. In any case, it is not certain that work advertise proposals can definitively enhance what businesses can accomplish for themselves. Maybe picking who is fitting for a specific employment opportunity requires assessing unspeakable characteristics that are hard to catch in a factual model. Then again, maybe amassing a pool of sensible candidates is not unreasonably exorbitant to bosses. Past the point of view of the individual business, a worry with proposals is that, by structure, they urge a business to think about

certain workers however not others. On the off chance that swarm out impacts are solid—which has been the situation in some pursuit of employment help programmes in customary work markets (Crépon, Duflo, Gurgand, Rathelot, & Zamora, 2013)—proposal mediations are less appealing from a social welfare point of view.

Horton (2017) states that algorithmic recommendations are both acted upon by employers and effective at raising hiring, at least for some kinds of job openings where more applicants of high quality are valued. While the algorithm is a “black box”, it is focused on helping the demand side of the labour market; most other active labour market policies have focused on the supply side. Serving firms is more productive than serving specialists. There is a shallow symmetry between employment opportunities and specialists. Employment opportunities can be promptly made and obliterated by managers voluntarily, and keeping in mind that specialists do enter and leave the work showcase, it appears to be likely that a business’ choice to make and fill an opening is more flexible as for help than the work drive investment of an individual worker. As a greater amount of the work showcase moves toward becoming computer-mediated, the potential outcomes for stage based mediations develop in degree and power. Stages perpetually gather tremendous measures of information on market practices and results, they additionally have almost full command over what data advertise members can see, and when. This probability could have huge value and proficiency ramifications for world markets.

## **2.10 Method**

### ***2.10.1 Study Design***

The critical review of the research literature entailed a broad systematic review of contemporary research on the themes of smart technology, artificial intelligence, robotics and algorithms (STARA). This approach allowed the author to evaluate documented research on employees’ perceptions and wellbeing in future workplaces.

### ***2.10.2 Study Eligibility Criteria***

The boundary of the systematic review was defined to include only documented contemporary research in the field of career psychology published from 2015 to 2019. A search was done by means of an on-line information technology service, including search engines such as EBSCOhost/Academic Search Premier, and Google Scholar academic databases. The terms smart technology, artificial

intelligence, robotics and algorithms and 4th Industrial Revolution were used in the search. The full texts of publications were downloaded from the databases in order to ascertain which articles to include or exclude from the systematic review. The inclusion criteria for articles reviewed for the purpose of this chapter were studies exploring employees' perceptions and wellbeing in future workplaces. The research articles were treated as the sources of data.

### ***2.10.3 Data Analysis***

A qualitative approach was followed in exploring Smart technology, artificial intelligence, robotics and algorithms, the 4th Industrial Revolution and employees perceptions and wellbeing in future workplaces. In the first stage, the author read the studies carefully to form a comprehension of the phenomenon STARA under exploration. In the second stage, the author synthesised a portrait of the phenomenon STARA that accounts for relations and linkages within its aspects. Stage 3 consisted theorising about how and why these STARA relations appear as they do, and Stage 4 consisted of re-contextualising the new knowledge about the STARA phenomena and relations back into the context of how other authors have articulated the evolving knowledge. Forty-eight studies were identified in a systematic search for relevant research published between January 2015 and February 2019 in the following electronic databases: EBSCOhost/Academic Search Premier and Google Scholar Academic database. Publications were evaluated for quality, and eight studies were identified as the primary sources for exploration.

### ***2.10.4 Strategies Used to Ensure Data Quality***

Systematic, rigorous, and auditable analytical processes are among the most significant factors distinguishing good from poor quality research. The researcher therefore articulated the findings in such a manner that the logical processes by which they were developed are accessible to a critical reader, the relation between the actual data and the conclusions about data is explicit, and the claims made in relation to the data set are rendered credible. Considerations were also made in terms of potential publication bias (i.e. the assumption that not all research on the topic may have been published), trustworthiness or credibility, true value and quality, appropriateness, and reflection on the research endeavour in its entirety, as well as best practice. Value and quality were assured by reviewing each article in terms of scientific and methodological rigour in exploring smart technology, artificial intelligence, robotics and algorithms, and employees' perceptions and wellbeing in future workplaces. All data were retained for possible future scrutiny.

## 2.11 Discussion and Practical Implications

### 2.11.1 *Industrial and Organisational Psychology and the Maturation of Artificial Intelligence and Learning Technology*

Organisations are managing a flood of new human resource-interrelated information and technologies. Information is accruing faster, it is getting advanced and it is received in a multitude of forms (for example, big data). Technology is emerging that deduces to make use of such information, but it is sprouting at a pace faster than organisations can assimilate, and faster than science can meticulously assess. Organisational leaders have been racing to determine how to exploit this brand-new wealth of information and technology, but in a milieu where advances are occurring so quickly, it is easy to feel engulfed. To appreciate the value of I-O psychology, it is important for managers to look beyond the publicity surrounding AI/ML human resource technology and to consider tough downstream questions. I-Os can be of value in not only assisting managers separate the wheat from the chaff when it comes to assessing existing AI/ML technology for human resources, but also in creating stout AI/ML human resource technology for their organisation in the first place. In this section, five questions are posed and answered to illustrate the value of I-O psychology in the assessment and creation of AI/ML technologies (Putka & Dorsey, 2018).

**How does AI/ML technology ensure data integrity it ingests to inform predictions or forecasts?** Ensuring data integrity has to be the responsibility of a person or a team and not a machine. I-O psychology offers a profundity and research experience that eclipse many other fields in respect of objectively assessing the value of “people data” and the extrapolations made with that information.

**What verification can the developers of AI/ML technology provide of the value of the output it produces?** “Evidence” must withstand judgement in the light of professional principles and standards that have existed for decades. These principles and standards draw profoundly on research and practice in the discipline of I-O psychology and related scientific fields that relate to the assessment, prediction and explanation of people’s psychological characteristics, behaviour and feelings.

**What verification can the developers of an application provide that it will have a demonstrable positive impact on an organisation?** Implementing this technology will decrease turnover among new employees by 20% and save organisations money. Assertions regarding what any given portion of AI/ML can accomplish vary in terms of the quality of the proof upon which they are grounded. Assessing the quality of findings and data created to assess the effectiveness of AI/ML-related human resource technology is something that I-O psychologists are qualified to do.

**What possibility is there for the application of the technology to have unfavourable consequences?** If an AI/ML human resource application lives up to its publicity (for example if adoption leads to a significant decrease in turnover, an increase in speed to hire, a more engaged workforce or increased competence), it may come at a concealed cost. Organisation is unwilling to acknowledge for example, a reduction in workforce diversity, a defilement of employment law or a breach on employee confidentiality. In the employment sphere, I-O psychologists are well accustomed to the trade-offs and corollaries related with various types of assessment and decision-making approaches. These unplanned consequences can be very hard to ascertain without going beyond the technology and getting into the essence of why the technology “works” and having subject knowledge with the content concerned.

**Why does the technology work?** Employment decision-making does not transpire in a void. It transpires in an increasingly multifaceted regulatory environment (for example, employment and data privacy laws), which becomes even more multiplex if working across territories. The discipline of I-O psychology has been absorbed in these matters since lawful requirements underlying workforce decisions have existed. This is a fundamental issue for the I-O field. Comprehending why the technology creates the resolutions it does is critical to assessing its defensibility from a governing viewpoint.

AI/ML technology does not just have possible legal inferences for organisations. Matters of intrinsic trust are a main factor of technology implementation that is often disregarded. Contemplate an employee who obtains career-altering commendations for instruction or a career pathway from a machine, or a reputable manager tasked with affecting promotion decisions who obtains supplemented machine guidance. Managers and employees must have access to the “why” behind the commendations offered. Fortunately, the area of “explainable AI” is a lively research area, but such lines of investigation can only gain from subject matter knowledge and the use of proven theory. In terms of I-O psychologists’ education in assessment and original theories, they are well trained to assist and explain what is transpiring “beneath the surface”.

The last question can be asked: Are I-O psychologists propelling AI/ML technology change, attempting to be “fast followers”, or are they merely standing on the sidelines, hoping to change the discussion down the road? Certainly, some I-Os are part of technology start-ups and are conducting thought-provoking research using AI/ML and designing great applications of the technologies, but Putka and Dorsey (2018) point to a more prominent role. In this role, I-Os not only help to shape the great guarantee of AI/ML technology implementation, but also serve the greater purpose integral in the mission of the I-O field, which is to improve human well-being and to safeguard long-term organisational performance and flourishing.

### **2.11.2 Career Planning and STARA**

STARA awareness exemplifies the degree to which workers see the likelihood that smart technology, AI, robotics and algorithms will affect their future career expectations. Greenhaus and Kopelman (1981) recommend that career planning has several principles and consecutive components. These components are grounded on data around (1) an employee's interests, qualities and aptitudes, (2) work environment prospects and (3) a worker's work–family/relaxation interests, prerequisites or inclinations. The employee may likewise have his/her very own targets and procedures to achieve his/her ideal career results. By and large, career planning “alludes to people's illustrating future career advancements and to their defining and seeking career objectives” (Zikic & Klehe, 2006). Career planning is a continuous procedure that is evaluated and completed over one's lifetime.

Brougham and Haar (2018) affirm that the impact of STARA is also likely to increase the eminence of the boundaryless career. Boundaryless careers are seen and defined as the converse of organisational careers—careers considered to evolve in a particular employment location (Arthur & Rousseau, 2001). They are particularly appropriate and protruding when corporations and employees are attempting to adapt to the contemporary economic epoch (Arthur, 1994: 296) owing to budget pressures and disrupting technology. Inkson (2006) recapitulates what is occurring to careers by asserting that the old-fashioned picture of secure employment and related organisational careers is disappearing. The approach to observe careers needs to be self-motivated, revolutionising and unexpected. In view of that STARA is probable to change employment in a profound manner, it is expected that the very nature of career planning be at a pivotal time.

In the event that the estimates of Frey and Osborne (2013) are even respectably right, work environment prospects could be diminished profoundly, making it troublesome for employees to design their careers. This makes an employee's qualities and gifts, just as work–family/relaxation securities, superfluous to the career planning practice. For instance, driverless vehicles can at present substitute a worker with an individual love for vehicles and a limit with respect to driving expanded periods. Inside the career planning practice, STARA cognizance is viewed as an expansion or a piece of how employees consider their imminent career expectations inside their present employment, work environment and business (Brougham & Haar, 2018).

### **2.11.3 STARA and Job Outcomes**

The career-planning model positioned by Aryee and Debrah (1993) emphasises the effect that career planning has on other facets of work. For example, effective career planning advances a strategy being formed to meet employee's goals, which in turn affects career fulfilment. Career fulfilment promotes self-esteem of employees at

work and overall dedication to their careers (Aryee & Debrah, 1993). Chen, Chang, and Yeh (2004) found in their research that when there was a disparity between career-development programmes and career requirements, the employees' job attitudes were affected by having elevated turnover intentions. Employees need to feel that their employer is affording them with adequate training, funding and other developmental programmes that empower them to move forward with their careers. Chen et al. (2004) suggest that bridging the gap between career-development programmes and career requirements could also have a positive influence on productivity and organisational commitment.

Brougham and Haar (2018) assert that STARA awareness, could have a related detrimental effect on the important job outcomes of organisational commitment, career satisfaction and turnover intentions, since STARA can jeopardise an employee's general career development and make it all the more demanding to satisfy their requirements. For instance, if a business effectively investigates and tests mechanical autonomy to supplant workers, an employee is probably going to frame the view that he/she is undervalued and not considered exceedingly by his/her boss. This is probably going to progress to bring down hierarchical responsibility and higher turnover goals. In actuality, it winds up harder for an employee to feel like he/she is 'a piece of the family' (Meyer, Allen, & Smith, 1993) if the executives is scanning for approaches to supplant labourers with STARA. It has additionally been discovered that worker's duty to their profession can be contrarily identified with career withdrawal intentions (Aryee & Tan, 1992). In the event that STARA possibly suggests that a worker's activity is in risk he/she could be fortified to consider alternative employment.

Aryee and Debrah (1993) found that a career plan is related to the expansion and implementation of a career strategy, which, in turn, is related to career satisfaction. They suggest that this reinforces the awareness that the employee has control over his/her external environment. Furthermore, for employers, career planning is important for purposes of succession management, business continuation and risk mitigation. Brougham and Haar (2018) note that STARA awareness will pose a threat to feelings of control, in that the peripheral environment could influence employees' perceptions of achieving their career aspirations. This is likely to have a negative influence on career satisfaction.

### ***2.11.4 STARA and Employee Wellbeing Outcomes***

Brougham and Haar (2018) indicated that STARA awareness would not only effect job outcomes, but also employee wellbeing outcomes. The manner in which employees build their identity with their career and assess their own career success can have an impact on their psychological wellbeing (Mirvis & Hall, 1996; Wiese et al., 2002). It is unsurprising that when worker's future prospects are diminished, their

wellbeing will weaken. For instance, work instability inside organisations can considerably affect employees' psychological wellness. Dekker and Schaufeli (1995) demonstrated in their research that activity frailty was an estimate of mental wellbeing (for instance mental pressure and burnout). By and large, Dekker and Schaufeli (1995) presumed that long haul vulnerability in an occupation was more unsafe than knowing whether a worker would have been made repetitive, expressing that the silence from above certainly dissolves the degree to which employees experience control over the fate of their careers.

It is clear that this vulnerability over the eventual fate of work and professions could be toxic for certain employees. Chen et al. (2004) recommend that when needs are unfulfilled inside workers profession alternatives, there could be a development of tension and anxiety inside an organisation. Brougham and Haar (2018) state that STARA awareness could contribute to this development of anxiety and stress. In any case, at the opposite end of the scale, those workers who are superbly uninformed of the change that are occurring may adapt superior to those individuals who realise their career prospects could be obliged due to STARA. Mirvis and Hall (1996) assert that one prominent way in which "working people have coped with disillusionment is by sliding into cynicism ... [I]n doing so they lower their expectations of commitments to an employer." Depression has been thought of as 'low pleasure and low arousal' (Axtell et al., 2002), while cynicism relates to apathy or a distant attitude towards employment and having a cold-hearted and pessimistic attitude towards work (Roche & Haar, 2013). Brougham and Haar (2018) state that STARA awareness will leave an employee with lower levels of excitement and pleasure (for example, "an inanimate object – a robot – may do my job better!") and similarly lead to distrust and insignificance at work (for example, "why bother with this job, once the robot is programmed I will be given the boot").

### ***2.11.5 STARA Competence Model for Employees in Industry 4.0***

STARA creates many new opportunities for companies, but at the same time, several challenges are arising from the ongoing automation and digitisation. Hecklauer et al. (2016) refer to studies on competencies needed for future work. This comparative study was conducted for the purpose of confirming the importance of the deducted competencies for STARA. The competencies are clustered into four main categories of competencies.



### ***2.11.6 Specialised Competencies***

- STARA knowledge: Owing to cumulative task accountability, knowledge is becoming increasingly significant.
- Specialised competencies: All-inclusive specialised competencies are required to change from operational to more strategic functions.
- Process comprehension: Advanced process intricacy demands a wider and deeper process comprehension.
- Media abilities: Accumulative virtual work requires employees to be able to use smart technology and media, for example, smart glasses.
- Programming abilities: The intensification of algorithms and digitised processes initiates an advanced demand for employees with programming abilities.
- Understanding Information Technology security: Virtual functions on servers or platforms compels employees to be aware of cybersecurity (Hecklaue et al., 2016).

### ***2.11.7 Methodological Competencies***

- Creativity: The need for more smart technology and innovative products, as well as for internal enhancements, calls for creativity.
- Innovative thinking: Every employee with more accountable and strategic functions has to act as an innovator.
- Problem solving: Employees must be able to identify sources of mistakes and be able to improve processes and procedures.
- Conflict solving: An advanced service emphasis increases customer associations; conflicts need to be resolved.
- Decision-making: Since employees will have higher process accountability, they will have to make their own decisions.
- Diagnostic abilities: Constructing and scrutinizing significant amounts of information and multifaceted processes becomes compulsory.
- Research competencies: Employees have to be able to utilise reliable sources for continuous learning in fluctuating environments of AI.
- Proficiency assimilation: Multifarious quandaries needs to be elucidated more proficiently, for example, examining increasing quantities of algorithmic data (Hecklaue et al., 2016).

### ***2.11.8 Societal Competencies***

- Intercultural abilities: These abilities involve the understanding of different cultures, especially different work practices, when working internationally.
- Language abilities: These skills involve being able to understand and converse with international associates and customers.
- Communication abilities: Service inclination demands good listening and presentation abilities, whereas increasing virtual work requires sufficient virtual communication abilities.
- Networking abilities: Working in a highly globalised and interconnected value chain requires knowledge networks.
- Teamwork abilities: Increasing teamwork and collective work on platforms demand the ability to respect team rules.
- Compromising and cooperative abilities: Units alongside a value chain develop into equal associates; every project needs to create win-win situations, particularly in organisations with increasing project work.
- Knowledge transfer abilities: Organisations need to retain knowledge; given the current demographic transformation, explicit knowledge and tacit knowledge need to be exchanged.
- Leadership abilities: More responsible functions and flattened hierarchies result in every employee becoming a leader (Hecklauer et al., 2016).

### ***2.11.9 Personal Competencies***

- Flexibility: Escalating virtual work makes employees time and place independent; work–task rotation further necessitates employees to be flexible with their job responsibilities.
- Uncertainty tolerance: This involves enduring change, especially work-related change due to work–task rotation or reconfigurations.
- Continuous learning: Frequent work-related transformation makes it compulsory for employees to be willing to continue to learn.
- Ability to work under pressure: Employees involved in innovation processes must be able to cope with increased pressure, due to shorter product life cycles and reduced marketing time.
- Sustainable mindset: As representatives of their organisations, employees need to support sustainability initiatives.
- Compliance: This involves stricter rules regarding Information Technology security, working with machines or working hours (Hecklauer et al., 2016).

- Resilience: This involves the capacity of the employee to cope in spite of STARA, or barriers, or limited resources. Resilient employees are willing, and able, to overcome fears of STARA by tapping into their emotional strength.

### **2.11.10 STARA Mindfulness**

In their research, Brougham and Haar (2018) investigated workers' STARA mindfulness and whether employees feel that innovation is taking their occupations or changing their professions. The discoveries from their examination offer intriguing understanding into how people see their future business and profession prospects, and how those perspectives influence their activity and prosperity results. Workers should consider their career openings and how they relate to STARA. The results from the research demonstrate that when employees are progressively aware of STARA and its application to their action, they will undoubtedly have lower legitimate obligation and career satisfaction. This falls into line with the calling organising model put forth by Aryee and Debrah (1993), who prescribe that career planning can propel a positive cycle that extends career satisfaction and certainty at work. Therefore, the coming of STARA may spell the conclusion to fruitful career planning and in this way lead to impeding impacts, strengthening fierce changes of a boundaryless career, which could turn out to be increasingly pervasive later on because of innovation changes. In addition, employees with a higher view of STARA are probably going to have higher unfriendly consequences for turnover expectations, melancholy and criticism. Development related career desires that do not emerge, thus, have been related with pressure, burnout and turnover aims (Virtanen, Kivimäki, Virtanen, Elovainio, & Vahtera, 2003).

STARA was found to not be altogether related to work weakness, and this recommends it might for sure be taking advantage of something at the centre of basic work and career planning. With occupation instability, an employee may confront losing his/her employment and searching for another. With STARA, the activity and the whole business of work may vanish. Obviously, employee unwaveringness and responsibility have been diminished as the possibility of lifetime work in organisation has vanished (Mirvis & Hall, 1996). This is particularly valid with the regard to the ascent of impermanent contracts. STARA could be viewed as a major aspect of this movement of undermining long haul duty inside an industry. Baruch (2004) talks about the significance of workers moving far from duty and dependability, expressing that from the individual point of view, it is a goodbye to conventional pledge to the organisation, moving to different duties, which incorporate simply a restrictive promise to the organisation. This point of view toward responsibility, and surely pledge to one's profession, may must be the future desire for some workers. Nevertheless, employees may as of now see customary careers as something of the past and might be unquestionably increasingly open to the

possibility of boundaryless careers that are dynamic and consistently changing dependent on the business setting (Brougham & Haar, 2018).

Brougham and Haar (2018) additionally discovered that at large amounts of STARA mindfulness, more seasoned employees indicated little contrast in responsibility, career fulfilment and turnover goals contrasted and those employees with low STARA mindfulness. This could be because more seasoned workers (even the individuals who know about the capability of STARA) do not consider STARA to be a noteworthy risk to their present place of employment and profession prospects. While this may mirror that they are wilfully ignorant of these potential changes, it is bound to speak as far as possible of the career cycle for these employees. Subsequently, more seasoned employees have less anxiety from their STARA mindfulness.

## 2.12 Conclusion

This Chapter centered on various ramifications of STARA, particularly for individual employees. Current employees should inquire about the probability that STARA will change the profession they are in or are hoping to enter. Thus, they may likewise be progressively aware of the ramifications of STARA inside their industry and these potential changes. Maybe employees will likewise need to move their contemplations from direct career frameworks and begin considering professions multidirectional (Baruch, 2004). Given the increasing expense of instruction, people need to focus on careers that are probably going to give them employment. As the supply of very talented graduates proceeds, with constrained employment prospects toward the finish of a considerable lot of these degrees (Beaudry, Green, & Sand, 2013), this may make genuine difficulties for future occupation searchers. Likewise, colleges and universities should know about ventures that are conceivably in decrease and be mindful to not display them as productive careers of business. We do not know whether STARA will annihilate or make employments, since occupation creation has been the consequence of past modern transformations. STARA could possibly make a greater number of occupations than it uproots, and remove the modest employments from the market (Brougham & Haar, 2018; Pryor, Amundson, & Bright, 2008).

Moreover, AI and ML are helpful for utilising the developing measures of information accessible to organisations in making expanded proficiency and producing new bits of knowledge. As AI and ML become increasingly normal, I-O psychologists can lead the route in guaranteeing the fitting utilisation of information and calculations, helping with the translation of results and guaranteeing the legitimate solidness of information models and their use. I-O psychologists can likewise help pioneers by understanding their employees' responses to their new AI "colleagues" through frame of mind overviews and by creating intercessions to enable employees to adjust to the change. As both of these strategies keep on picking up footing, it will be basic for organisations to incorporate I-O

psychologists in their information science groups to use skill in mental hypothesis, techniques, career planning, and the executives in guaranteeing ideal results for associations (SIOP Communications Department, 2019). This new period of progress could be viewed as a period of energy for certain employees and could be held onto as an open door for investigation and self-awareness. At last, what is to come is hard to anticipate, it is intuitive, rising, and dynamic. The role of the business in supporting employees through occasions of progress and by offering wellness programmes to assist employees to adapt, could not be excessively underscored.

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