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Enterprise Transformation and the Future of Higher Education

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Abstract:
During the 130 years between 1860 and 1990 higher education was transformed, evolving from a limited province of the cultural elite to a great instrument of state material and martial strength. Higher education will experience equally profound transformations during the next 25 years, forced by changing global conditions and enabled by contemporary information and communication technologies. Such transformation has already occurred in many other sectors: higher education has lagged behind, but it is going to catch up. This talk explores the mechanics of enterprise transformation in higher education, and provides principles to guide higher education leaders in the coming decade.

Speaker's Bio:
John Leslie King is Vice Provost for Academic Information at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and Professor in the School of Information where he served as Dean from 2000-2006. In his current role he is helping to shape the mission of the University of Michigan and higher education as a result of the affordances of modern information and communication technologies. From 1980-2000 he was Professor of Computer Science and Management and Research Scientist in the Center for Research on Information Technology and Organizations at the University of California, Irvine. He has published over 150 scholarly books and articles on the relationship between technological change and social change, especially the role of information technologies in highly-institutionalized production sectors including common carrier communications, electric power generation and transmission, transportation, financial services, health care, and higher education. Dr. King was previously Professor of computer science and management at the University of California at Irvine, and has been Marvin Bower Fellow and Visiting Professor at the Harvard Business School, Canon Visiting Professor at Nanyang Business School in Singapore, and Fulbright Distinguished Chair of American Studies at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University (University of Frankfurt, Germany). He was editor-in-chief in of the INFORMS journal Information Systems Research, and an associate editor of ACM Computing Surveys and many other scholarly journals. He has recently served as Senior Scientific Advisor for cyberinfrastructure with the National Science Foundation directorates for Computer and Information Science and Engineering and Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences. He was elected in 2005 as a Fellow of the Association for information Systems.

Refreshments will be served.
This lecture has a reception.