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LECTURE TITLE:

From Learners to Leaders: Where Must Design Go Next.

As the Dean of the Institute of Design (ID) at Illinois Tech, an 86-year-old institution, Dr Anijo Mathew proposes that the history and future of design practice are deeply intertwined with changes in design pedagogy. As we look to the future, Dr Mathew identifies the forces that will empower design practice and education to evolve again. Design — in all its forms — must grapple with these forces and develop new ways of acting. What is the future of design practice? How do we set up academic institutions that can respond to this massive change? What can we learn from design history to discover new futures for design practice and design education?

BIO:

Anijo Mathew is the Dean and Professor at the Institute of Design at Illinois Tech. His research evaluates new models of innovation enabled by technology and media convergence through the lenses of design fiction, design-led innovation, and entrepreneurship. He works with global organizations, especially in Asia, to adapt and change strategic responses to transforming technologies. Anijo is the founder and board member of Vamonde, a Chicago storytelling app operating worldwide, and named Built in Chicago as one of six Chicago startups shaping the future of virtual reality.

A native of India, Anijo holds a PhD in Design Computing from The Open University in the United Kingdom, a Master in Design Studies from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, and a professional Bachelor of Architecture from Birla Institute of Technology Mesra in Ranchi, India. He has taught at Harvard University's School of Business, the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and Illinois Tech's Stuart School of Business. Anijo served as Head of the Department of Art and Design at the College of Architecture, Art, and Design at the American University of Sharjah in the UAE from 2019 to 2021.

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