Futures studies is a new field of inquiry involving systematic and explicit thinking about alternative futures. It aims to demystify the future, make possibilities for the future more known to us, and increase human control over the future.

Wendell Bell, the author of Foundations of Futures Studies: Human Science for a New Era, was a sociologist and futurologist who emphasized the importance of values, objectivity, and the good society in the context of futures studies.

The book aims to provide a framework for understanding the future, and it discusses the ethical foundations of futures studies. Bell argues that futures studies is not just about predicting the future, but also about creating a better future. He emphasizes the importance of values and objectivity in shaping our understanding of the future.

The book covers a range of topics, including the history of futures studies, different approaches to futures studies, and the role of values and ethics in futures studies. Bell also discusses the importance of collaboration and cooperation among futurists to ensure that futures studies is used to create a better world for all.

In conclusion, Foundations of Futures Studies: Human Science for a New Era is a valuable resource for anyone interested in understanding the future and how to create a better future through futures studies. It is a must-read for futurists, sociologists, and anyone concerned about the future of humanity.