

Power and Progress: Rethinking Technology for the Common Good International Telecommunications Society Webinar

Speaker

[Professor Daron Acemoglu](#), Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Hosts

Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy
TELUS Communications

Registration: Free on [Eventbrite](#)

Length: 60 mins

Date: June 4 @ 9:30 EST

Structure: 30 min presentation, 30 minute Q&A with audience

Throughout history, technological advancements have played a pivotal role in societal development, yet their benefits have often been unevenly distributed. In his latest book, "[Power and Progress](#)," co-authored with Simon Johnson, Daron Acemoglu, a prominent economist and author of the bestseller "Why Nations Fail," embarks on a bold reinterpretation of economics and history, examining how technology shapes our world.

In this webinar, Professor Acemoglu will present his compelling analysis of a thousand years of technological progress and its societal impacts. From the agricultural advancements of the Middle Ages to the digital revolution of the present day, he will explore how these innovations have often served the interests of a select few while sidelining broader prosperity. Key themes of the webinar include:

- How has the historical pattern of technology predominantly benefited the elite at the expense of the masses?
- What impact do digital technologies and artificial intelligence have on modern economies and democracies?
- What strategies can be employed to redirect technological innovation in order to empower and democratize society?

This webinar is an essential resource for policy makers, economists, historians, and anyone interested in the intersection of technology and society. It offers a unique perspective on redirecting the course of technological advancement towards a more equitable future. Professor Acemoglu's insights, grounded in extensive research and analysis, provide a roadmap for harnessing technological progress to benefit the majority.

Join us to gain a deeper understanding of the historical and contemporary role of technology in shaping our world and how we can steer its course towards a more inclusive and prosperous future.