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12:00—1:00pm

# The Future of the Professions with Author Daniel Susskind PhD



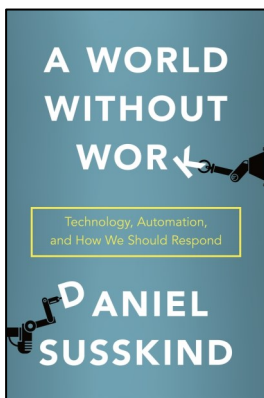
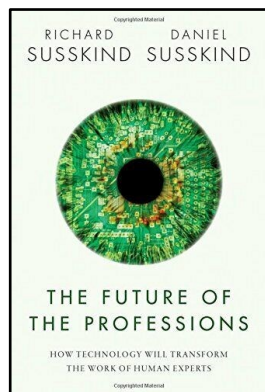
In this talk, Daniel Susskind will explore the future of the professions in the age of COVID-19. Drawing on his best-selling books, *The Future of the Professions* (OUP, 2015) and *A World Without Work* (Allen Lane, 2020), he will set out two futures for the professions. Both rest on technology. One is reassuringly familiar. It is a more efficient version of what we have today. The other is transformational -- a gradual replacement of professionals by increasingly capable systems. In an Internet society, the professions will look remarkably different from today, and we will neither need nor want lawyers, doctors, teachers, architects, the clergy, consultants, and many others to work as they did in the 20th century.

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## Speaker Bio

Dr Daniel Susskind explores the impact of technology, particularly artificial intelligence, on work and society. He is a Fellow in Economics at Oxford University, and a Visiting Professor at King's College London. He is the co-author of the best-selling book, *The Future of the Professions* (2015; 2017), and the author of *A World Without Work* (2020; 2021), described by *The New York Times* as "required reading for any potential presidential candidate thinking about the economy of the future". His TED Talk, on the future of work, has been viewed more than 1.5 million times.

Previously he worked in various roles in the British Government – in the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit, in the Policy Unit in 10 Downing Street, and in the Cabinet Office. He was a Kennedy Scholar at Harvard University.



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