

Automation and Technology: Toward Prosperity or Rising Inequality?

June 28th, 2022
15:00 – 17:00 pm
Online via Zoom

Technological change is accelerating the pace of automation enlarging its scope. Robots are entering into new areas as they become more flexible and interactive. And software applications summarized under the term “Robotic Process Automation” are being implemented widely to automate repetitive administrative work. By means of sophisticated AI software, automation is also affecting the work of high-skilled professionals in fields such as journalism, production management, and medical diagnostics.

Seen by some as the road to universal prosperity, automation is seen by others as a mixed blessing. Recent studies on labor market effects in the USA have shown a strong correlation between automation and a polarization between rich and poor. Some sceptics not only point to ambiguous employment effects, but also to the peril of devaluing human tasks and work autonomy.

At this event, leading academics from Germany and the US will present recent research results. The panellists will discuss the relationship between technological change, inequality and politics including what conditions must be met to benefit from the progress in automation technology, while avoiding its pitfalls.

PROGRAM

- 15:00** **Welcome and Introduction:**
Prof. Dr. Michael Dowling, University of Regensburg and
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Dr. Florian Butollo, Weizenbaum Institute, Berlin Social Science Center
- 15:15** **Key Note 1:** Prof. Dr. Daron Acemoglu, MIT
- 15:45** **Key Note 2:** Prof. Dr. Jens Südekum, Heinrich-Heine- University of
Düsseldorf
- 16:15** **Panel Discussion:**
- Prof. Dr. Daron Acemoglu, MIT
 - Dr. Katharina Grienberger, Institute for Employment Research (IAB)
 - Prof. Dr. Anke Hassel, Hertie School
 - Prof. Dr. Martin Krzywdzinski, Helmut-Schmidt-University Hamburg, Director of the Weizenbaum Institute
 - Prof. Dr. Jens Südekum, Heinrich-Heine-University of Düsseldorf
- 16:50** **Conclusion**
- 17:00** **End**

General Information

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- Organizer:** MÜNCHNER KREIS e.V.
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- Registration:** Please register on our homepage www.muenchner-kreis.de
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