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Professor Richard Susskind The Future of the Professions



ABSTRACT

How will artificial intelligence and the internet affect the professions? In this lecture, Richard Susskind will claim that, in the long run, we will neither need nor want our doctors, lawyers, accountants, architects, consultants, and many others, to work in the way that they did in the 20th century and before. Technology will bring about a fundamental and irreversible change in the way that the expertise of professionals is made available in society. A more basic question will also be addressed – why do we have the professions at all? Susskind will show how, in a print-based society, we have interposed the professions, as gatekeepers, between individuals and organisations and the knowledge and experience to which they need access. However, as we progress into the Internet society, ‘increasingly capable machines’, autonomously or with non-specialist users, will provide entirely different solutions to the kinds of problems that we have thought until now could only be sorted by human experts.

BIOGRAPHY

*Professor Richard Susskind OBE FRSE is President of the Society for Computers and Law, Chair of the Advisory Board of the Oxford Internet Institute, and Technology & Strategy Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice of England. He is the author of numerous books, including (with D Susskind) *The Future of the Professions* (2015).*

LINKS

<https://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/people/richard-susskind/>

**All lectures take place in Lecture Theatre K3.25, John Anderson Building,
University of Strathclyde, Rottenrow East, Glasgow G4 0NG.**

The John Anderson Building is in the pedestrianised area between Rottenrow and Rottenrow East.
Free car parking is available behind the building. From High Street enter Rottenrow East at the Barony.
Refreshments will be served at 9.00pm.