THURSDAY,
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2019
FROM
2:30 TO 3:45PM

Lindenwood University
Dunseth Auditorium
Harmon Hall
209 South Kingshighway
St. Charles, MO 63301
+ Interactive Q&A
+ Refreshments provided

As research in artificial intelligence, genomics, and other areas advances, the prospect of large-scale social disruption becomes more immediate. The potential impact on the labor markets of the combination of artificial intelligence and robotics has received the most attention. However, other possibilities raise potentially even more profound questions. In the foreseeable future, certain scientific research will excite fervent religious, ethical, ideological, and other opposition from hundreds of millions of global citizens. Projects involving the modification of human genomes, creation of new forms of life, exploration of consciousness, and other areas likely will prove bitterly controversial.

This panel discussion will offer a variety of perspectives exploring how future research may challenge current global norms and excite political opposition. It will also explore the question of how much freedom researchers—whether working in academia, government, and the private sector—should have to pursue work that may challenge the current organization of global society.