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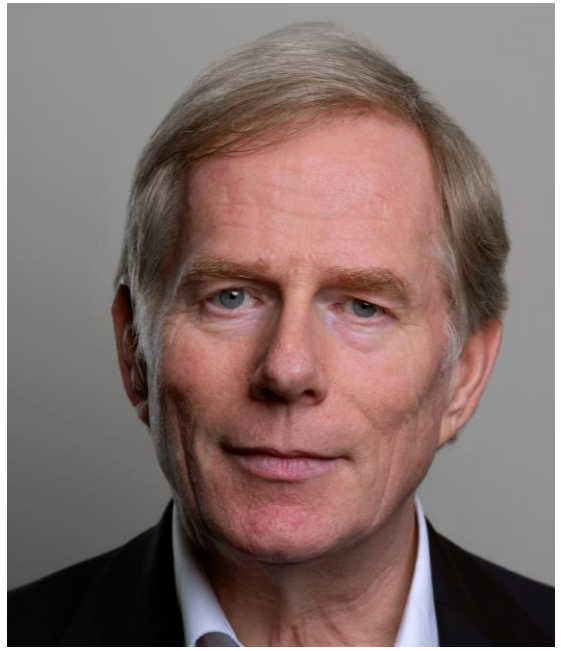



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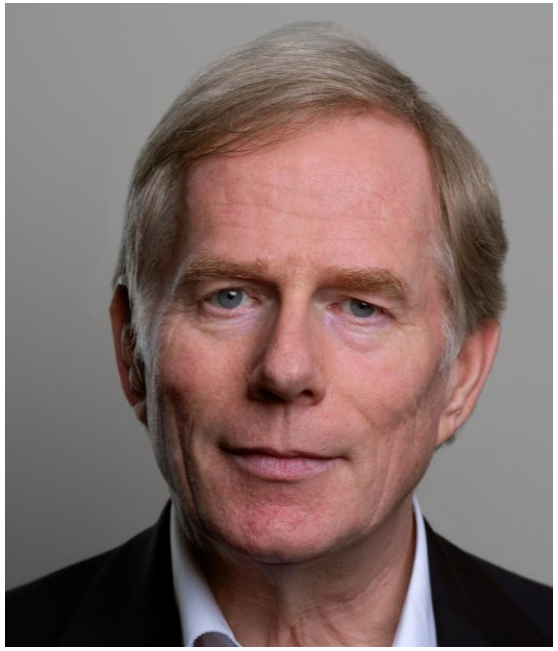

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2026 in memes: From warnings to possibilities

Tipping points, turning points, and the future we choose



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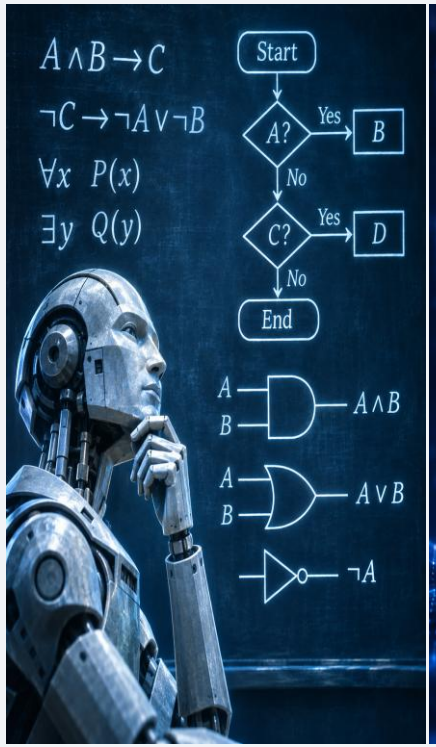
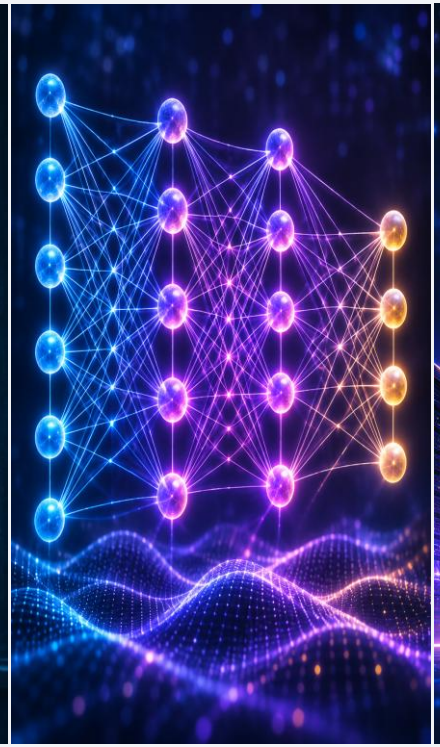
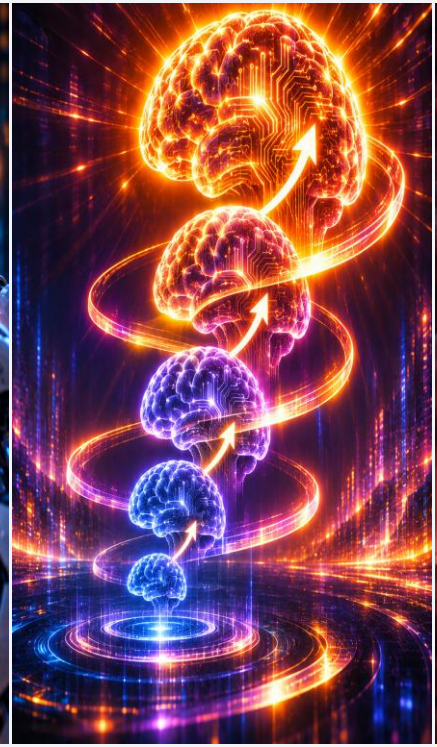
Five steps to a reckless Singularity

Unless there's an urgent global pause of frontier AI

Logic and symbolic AI	Deep neural networks	Transformers and scaling	Collaborating AI agents	Recursively self-improving AI	*AI beyond human control*
					
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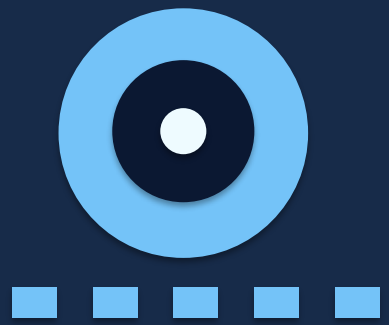
Three options for humanity c. 2029 (or perhaps even sooner)



Inscrutable alien superintelligence has emerged and taken control.

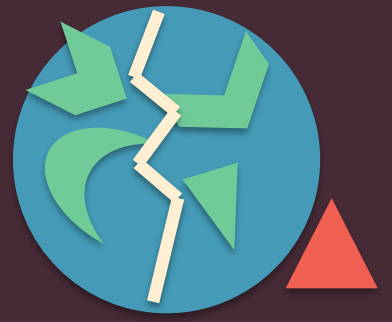
All bets are off

01 AI TAKEOVER



It is universally recognized that inscrutable alien superintelligence will emerge and take control, *unless* a worldwide pause on frontier AI is vigilantly maintained

02 GLOBAL PAUSE



Another worldwide societal disaster has happened first.

All bets are off

03 OTHER DISASTER


What the world needs now
♫
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is ethics,
technoprogressive ethics


POSITIVE TIPPING POINTS CAN ACCELERATE TOO
The right interventions today can unleash a cascade of flourishing tomorrow.
TECHNO-PROGRESIVE ETHICS
TRUST & COOPERATION
SAFE & BENEFICIAL AI
AI
SCIENTIFIC BREAK-THROUGHS
ABUNDANCE FOR ALL
HUMAN FLOURISHING



Technoprogressive ethical foundations

V3.4

Fundamental insights:

F1. Pay serious attention to the profound transformative potential of emerging technologies

F2. Pay serious attention to the deep social factors behind flourishing: culture, institutions, and shared worldviews

Purpose

Which interests and what outcomes should matter?

P1: Steer technological progress toward abundant sustainable flourishing

P2: Respect pluralism in conceptions of flourishing

P3: Preserve meaningful human agency (self-governance)

P4: Share the gains of technological progress broadly and promptly

P5: Treat no group as expendable

P6: Protect the option of continued life

P7: Recognise expanded moral standing, without requiring identical treatment

Evidence

How should we determine what to believe?

E1: Make trust responsive to track record

E2: Expose the assumptions behind decisions

E3: Make conflicts of interest visible

E4: Encourage exploration and treat dissent as a resource

E5: Protect whistleblowers

E6: Value relevant competence

E7: Make predictions, observe outcomes, and update

E8: Design for fallible and motivated reasoning

Governance

How should power be allocated, constrained, and challenged?

G1: Hold power accountable

G2: Anticipate that power will resist accountability

G3: Renew the foundations of accountable governance

G4: Anticipate systemic failures of incentives

G5: Ensure procedural fairness

G6: Apply subsidiarity where possible and coordinate where necessary

G7: Preserve institutional and intellectual diversity

G8: Retain humanity's ability to correct and constrain technology

Caution

How should we act when our choices could cause serious or irreversible harm?

C1: Apply precaution proportionately

C2: Scrutinise the cost of inaction as well as the cost of action

C3: Take tail risks seriously

C4: Demand stronger evidence of safety for catastrophic risks

C5: Don't make technology safe; make safe technology

C6: Prefer corrigibility and reversibility under uncertainty

C7: Preserve future freedom of choice (avoid lock-in)

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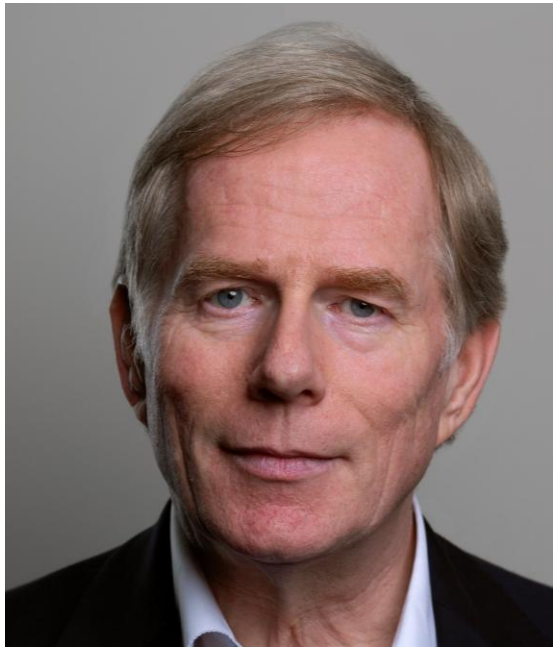

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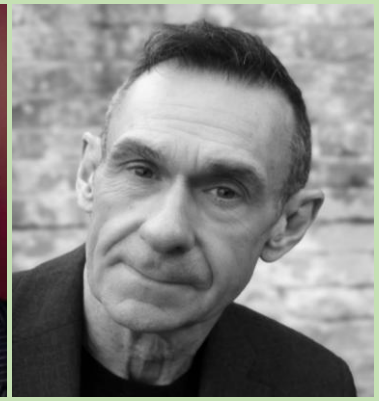

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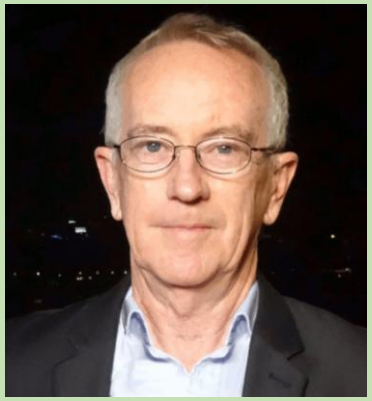

Steve Keen



Tony Czarnecki

Selected events, 2026

- **The Technoprogressive Opportunity** (2 days), co-hosted by IEET and London Futurists
- **Disruptive Climate Futures**, with Tom Harris
- **AI Governance – First Global Dialogue Unpacked**, co-hosted by GAIGA*now*
- **The Future Self – Transhumanism, Technology, and Flourishing**
- **Citizens' Assembly for the Age of AI?** with Tony Czarnecki
- **Why Warnings Fail** – Talking about catastrophic and existential risks, dos and don'ts
- **Arguments against funding longevity science** – and why they are all wrong
- **When abundance become overflow**, with Paul Epping
- **Freaky futures and fabulous futures**
- **The Economics of Abundance**
- **What we must never give away to AI**, with Matt O'Neill
- **Learning with Machines**, with Bruce Lloyd
- **The Adolescence of Technology** – reviewing the essay by Dario Amodei
- **Take Back Tomorrow**, with Gerd Leonhard
- **How can better foresight actually improve the world**

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Podcast: londonfuturists.buzzsprout.com

Beyond Tomorrow, with **Julian Issa**
The Feasibility of a Hardwired Pause of Frontier AI Training, with **David Krueger**
The hard problem of rejuvenation science, with **Mark Kotter**
Perspectives on Machine Consciousness, with **Calum Chace**
Will economists destroy capitalism, with **Steve Keen**
If politics is broken, what's the alternative, with **Pat Kane and Indra Adnan**
AI overhang and economics impact, with **Ewan McMillan**
Waking up economists? with **Oliver Ritchie**
Technoprogressive Worldbuilding, with **Matteo Rossi MacDermant**
The Discontinuity Thesis, with **Ben Luong**
The AI Automation Layoff Trap, with **Gerry Tsoukalas and Brett Falk**
Post-labour economics and the future of capitalism, with **Ted Shelton**
Windfall Trust and the Economic Singularity, with **Adrian Brown**
Anticipating 2026, with **Calum Chace**
The puzzle pieces that can defuse the US-China AI race dynamic with **Kayla Blomquist**
Jensen Huang and the zero billion dollar market, with **Stephen Witt**
What's your p(Pause), with **Holly Elmore**

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ICfS

- International Centre for Sustainability

IEET

- Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies

SPRING

- Scottish Peoples' Regenerative Independent Network for Good

Pause AI

- Energised, positive, thoughtful, creative, collaborative
- Organised world's largest (so far) AI Safety march in London
- Rich conversations with many UK politicians
- https://pauseai.uk/governance

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