

Invitation

Global Economy Lecture

Global Economy Lecture:
'The rise of the machines – how computers have changed work'

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Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Venue

Veranstaltungssaal, Ground Floor
Oesterreichische Nationalbank
Otto-Wagner-Platz 3, 1090 Vienna

Lecture description and speaker biography

*This year's Global Economy Lecture will be given by **David Dorn**, Professor of International Trade and Labor Markets at the Department of Economics of the University of Zurich.*

Professor Dorn will discuss the “rise of the machines,” which has fundamentally transformed the organization of work during the last four decades. While early adopters are captivated by the new technologies, many people worry that the universal use of machines will eventually lead to mass unemployment, with robots and computers substituting for human labor. The Global Economy Lecture 2017 will investigate how rapid technological progress and automation have affected the patterns of employment and unemployment levels and how they have contributed to inequality. Moreover, it will address policy challenges caused by computerization.

David Dorn is Professor of International Trade and Labor Markets at the Department of Economics of the University of Zurich and Affiliated Professor at the UBS International Center of Economics in Society. He was also a visiting scholar at a number of renowned U.S. universities such as Harvard University, Boston University, MIT and the University of Chicago. His research covers the interlinkages between trade, technology and the labor market.

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