

Jerry Kaplan

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Driverless cars, agricultural robots, artificial doctors and lawyers – is any profession immune to the coming age of intelligent machines? Jerry Kaplan argues that the answer is no, and details how it will impact various professions, our economy, and affect important social issues such as wealth inequality. A widely-known artificial intelligence expert, technical innovator, bestselling author, and futurist, Kaplan is currently a Fellow at the Center for Legal Informatics at Stanford University where he teaches philosophy, ethics, and the impact of artificial intelligence in the Computer Science department. His latest book, *Humans Need Not Apply: A Guide to Wealth and Work in the Age of Artificial Intelligence* (Yale University Press) was selected by *The Economist* magazine as one of the top ten science and technology books of 2015, and is available in Chinese and Korean. His non-fiction novel *Startup: A Silicon Valley Adventure* was named one of the top ten business books by Business Week, is available in Chinese, Japanese, and Portuguese, and was optioned to Sony Pictures.

Kaplan's speeches tap into the desire of audiences to gain critical new insights into emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, and to learn more about how it will impact their lives and livelihoods.

Kaplan is the co-founder of four Silicon Valley startups, two of which became publicly traded companies. As an inventor and entrepreneur, Kaplan was a key contributor to the creation of numerous familiar technologies including tablet computers, smart phones, online auctions, and social computer games. He holds an MSE and PhD in Computer and Information Science, specializing in Artificial Intelligence, from the University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in History and Philosophy of Science from the University of Chicago.

Kaplan's deep technical background, combined with decades of hands-on business experience, provides a unique and practical perspective on the economic and social impact of new technologies, such as autonomous robots and artificially intelligent computer programs. He has been profiled in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *Business Week*, *Red Herring*, and *Upside*, and is a frequent public speaker and media commentator.