ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

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His books include *Turning Point: Policymaking in the Era of Artificial Intelligence* (with co-author John R. Allen; Brookings Press, 2020), *Divided Politics, Divided Nation* (Brookings Press, 2019), *The Future of Work: Robots, AI, and Automation* (Brookings Press, 2018), *Megachange: Economic Disruption, Political Upheaval, and Social Strife in the 21st Century* (Brookings Institution Press, 2016), *Going Mobile: How Wireless Technology is Reshaping Our Lives* (Brookings Press, 2015), *Billionaires: Reflections on the Upper Crust* (Brookings Press, 2014), *Digital Schools: How Technology Can Transform Education* (Brookings Press, 2012), *The Next Wave: Using Digital Technology to Further Social and Political Innovation* (Brookings Press, 2011), *Brain Gain: Rethinking U.S. Immigration Policy* (Brookings Press, 2010), *Digital Medicine: Health Care in the Internet Era* (Brookings Press, 2009), *Digital Government: Technology and Public Sector Performance*, (Princeton University Press, 2005), and *Air Wars: Television Advertising in Election Campaigns* (Congressional Quarterly Press, 2005), among others.

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Should You Be Worried about Artificial Intelligence?
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Dr. West will discuss what AI is, how it is being deployed, and its opportunities and risks. He will present a policy blueprint for moving forward with AI.