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MACHINES WILL NOT SAVE US

SOCIAL CHANGE AND THE LIMITS OF TECHNOLOGY

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Civic Hall
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New York, NY 10010

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Even in an age of amazing technology, social progress depends on human changes that gadgets can't deliver. That's the difficult conclusion of Kentaro Toyama, a renowned computer scientist who has designed technologies meant to address education, health, and global poverty.

In his new book, [Geek Heresy: Rescuing Social Change from the Cult of Technology](#), Toyama digs into the contradiction that, despite four decades of astounding innovation in America, technology has done virtually nothing to turn the tide of rising poverty and inequality. Why then do we keep hoping that technology will solve our greatest social ills? Toyama argues that, instead of a manic pursuit of a digital utopia, we need a more deeply people-centric outlook

to move our world forward.

Join New America NYC for a conversation with Kentaro Toyama and leaders in the fields of technology, innovation, and social change on the human-machine relationship and how we might best foster it for the future.

Copies of Kentaro Toyama's *Geek Heresy: Rescuing Social Change from the Cult of Technology* will be available for purchase. Follow the discussion online using #NANYC and by following @NewAmericaNYC.

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