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Does Progress Begin with Destruction? — A Dialogue Between a Physicist and an Economist

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In economics, there is a well-known idea that new technologies and ideas replace older ones, driving progress. This concept, known as "creative destruction," was a central theme in the 2025 Nobel Prize in Economics. In contrast, physics teaches us the principle of conservation: nothing is lost, everything simply changes form. So, is economic progress truly about destruction—or is it more about transformation? In this lecture, a physicist and an economist will explore the differences between these perspectives, and discuss topics such as sustainable growth and the power of human imagination, in a way that is accessible to all.

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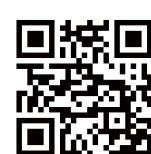
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