

HYBRID EVENT (ATTEND IN-PERSON OR ONLINE)

# PREPARING FOR THE SINGULARITY

Building a Systemically Resilient and Fair Economy  
for a World of Artificial Super Intelligence (AI)

**APRIL 8, 3-5 PM** (SK/CST/GMT-6)

The idea that computers might one day be able to outsmart humans has been around for as long as the computer age. Mostly, it seemed fanciful. Computers could crunch numbers, sure, but could they really think, reason, decide, and get smarter? With the advent of large-language models (LLMs) and tools like ChatGPT and DeepSeek, what was once science fiction is increasingly looking like here and now.

In this talk, **Dr. Kirsten Wright**, Managing Director of the University of Waterloo Institute for Complexity and Innovation (WICI) will discuss the idea of artificial super-intelligence and explore how it could disrupt the labor/capital relationships that have long structured the way we organize ourselves. With this potential outcome in mind, she will set out a bold set of ideas for building a resilient society anchored around strategic policy interventions that could help tip us into a society with more shared ownership (e.g., co-operatives) and a re-centering of place-based rural and urban economies.



## Dr. Kirsten Wright

Managing Director of the Waterloo Institute for Complexity and Innovation (WICI)

Kirsten's work sits at the intersection of systems finance, governance, and innovation, with a focus on complex systems, economic resilience, and systemic transformation. Drawing on urban scaling theory, rent dynamics, she models how financialization shapes urban systems and explores pathways for resilient and equitable cities.



**APRIL 8, 3:00-5:00 PM (SK/CST/GMT-6) | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Attend Online or In-Person** (101 Diefenbaker Place, Saskatoon)

**Register:** scan QR code or visit: [tinyurl.com/preparingfor](https://tinyurl.com/preparingfor)



USASK SIGNATURE AREAS

**COMMUNITIES  
AND SUSTAINABILITY**



**UNIVERSITY OF  
SASKATCHEWAN**