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BECOMING AN AI CRITIC

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Since 2022, generative AI has taken the world by storm. Tech leaders promised it would change everything, mostly for the better, but as the technology matures the drawbacks are becoming ever more apparent. In this talk, Paris Marx will discuss how he developed the critical perspective he uses to assess new technologies and the companies that deploy them. In the process, he'll break down how he understands the impacts of generative AI and offer some ideas for where Newfoundland and Labrador, and Canada more broadly, might go from here on tech and economic policy.

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