How to Bring Forward a Desirable Future (TEDx talk)
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In this talk, I venture into the contested issue of patent regulation as this applies to AI-related technologies. I begin by pointing out that from our present point of view we can consider the future as being open to many possibilities. How do we steer ourselves toward a desirable future state of the world where there is universal mental and physical health, peace, justice, happiness, education, longevity, etc.? Moreover, what is the fastest and safest route there? In other words, what do we need to change now to bring that future forward? Although innovation in AI holds amazing promise in bringing forward such a future, such innovation is impeded by patents. The only solution, I argue, is to abolish or at least drastically curtail patent rights in the domain of AI.