

RadicalxChange



RadicalxChange Announces First Conference in Detroit

*Organized by Economist and Co-Author of Radical Markets, Glen Weyl
With Keynote Speech by Co-Founder of Ethereum, Vitalik Buterin*



Detroit, Michigan. March 12, 2019 --- From March 22-24, 2019, RadicalxChange will host its first conference to the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan. RadicalxChange brings together scholars, artists, technologists, entrepreneurs and activists to imagine, design and build a more humane future where power rests in diverse democratic organizations. Panels, workshops and interactive activities will lead participants over three days to meet each other, brainstorm ideas, and leave with actionable agendas for changing the world.

When describing our movement, Glen Weyl, co-author of *Radical Markets* and RadicalxChange founder, has said that: "Ultimately, it's syncretic. It's more socialist than the neosocialists are. It has more freedom and free markets, certainly, than the neoreactionaries. By taking the ideas of each of these camps more seriously, we can actually transcend the divisions."

Momentum is building up as RadicalxChange's rapidly growing community heads to Detroit, which was selected to host the conference because of its vibrant artistic history and its legacy as the center of industrial production. Detroit displays both the benefits of conventional institutions when they function and the real costs incurred when they inevitably failed. It is the first major US event of its kind, where academics, activists, artists, policy wonks and technologists can share a path towards addressing the pertinent institutional questions of our times. In an increasingly complex environment, and an increasingly digitized economy, questions of public goods, monopoly power, inequality, and identity have found renewed importance.

Topics to be discussed will be centered around the economy, politics, collective action, use of space and identity. Breakout sessions will be devoted to academic panels, fireside chats, project showcases workshops and discussions. Sample of discussions to be held:

- Radically Reimagining the City, a panel discussion on building charter cities from scratch
- ProjectxChange, a curated event space of projects from members of our community

- Imagining Liberation Through Community, a conversation with Boots Riley, director of *Sorry to Bother You*, on the way film can help can illuminate injustices to the public

[See the full agenda here.](#)

Joining the event as a keynote speaker will be noted thought leader, blockchain theorist and co-founder of Ethereum, Vitalik Buterin, who will speak on the synthesis between liberal radicals and the blockchain community.

Other notable speakers include:

- Tristan Harris, founder of the Time Well Spent Movement
- Timnit Gebru, technical co-lead for Ethical Artificial Intelligence at Google
- Natalia Olson-Urtecho, co-founder of The Disruptive Factory
- Margaret Levi, director of the Center for Advanced Studies in Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University
- Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor, award-winning author and technologist
- Boots Riley, director of the critically acclaimed 2018 film *Sorry To Bother You*

[See the full list of speakers here.](#)

Get your ticket, apply for scholarship, submit a paper or join the movement now at

<https://radicalxchange.org/>.

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

RadicalxChange is a nonprofit organization founded by economist Glen Weyl on the ideas presented in the book he co-authored with Eric A. Posner, [Radical Markets](#) (see book reviews [here](#)). A dedicated community of volunteers has created over 100 local chapters over the world in the past year and attracts an increasing number of scholars, technologists, artists, and activists alike.

RadicalxChange is committed to using dramatically expanded competitive, free and open market mechanisms to reduce inequality, build widely-shared prosperity, heal global political divides and build a richer and more cooperative social life.

The foundation has received early financial support from organization searching for new paths from neoliberalism, including the Hewlett Foundation, the College for Creative Studies, Charles River Associates, Bunz, Wireline, Democracy Earth, and Center for Innovative Governance.

KEY FACTS

- 80 active members of the Foundation
- > 100 local chapters created in the past year
- Half a million dollars raised (80% in the last 3 months)
- > 100 startups based on RxC ideas
- 4 main divisions

DIVISIONS

- [Ideas & Research](#)
- [Entrepreneurship & technology](#)
- [Activism & Government](#)
- [Arts & Communications](#)

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