

OLLI at DU West Syllabus – Spring 2024

AI & Technofeudalism: The Future According to Yanis Varoufakis

8 weeks – In Person

Facilitators: Alec Tsoucatos and Ralph Hughes

Week 1- Varoufakis: Life & ideas leading up to Technofeudalism (TF) book

Week 2- “Ordinary” capitalism vs. feudalism

Week 3- Market Failures & The Tech Company’s Business Models

Week 4- AI: Recent History & Technical Overview

Week 5- AI: Its Promises, Flaws, & Dangers

Week 6- AI: Current Ownership Models & Their Challenges

Week 7- The Poor Track Record of Social Control Over Technology

Week 8- Escape from the Coming AI / Techno-Feudal Apocalypse