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Biography

Peter Howitt is one of the world's leading voices on innovation, disruption, and economic growth. A 2025 Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences, he transformed how economists and leaders understand the engine of prosperity — not as a steady accumulation of capital, but as a relentless process of creative destruction, where new technologies and ideas continuously replace the old.

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His groundbreaking work with Philippe Aghion built the Schumpeterian model of growth, a framework now used by governments, central banks, and corporations to understand how innovation drives productivity, shapes competition, and redefines industries. Their research reveals why growth depends on bold experimentation — and how the same forces that create progress can also destabilize markets, displace workers, and test public institutions.

In his talks, Dr. Howitt translates decades of economic theory into practical insight for leaders navigating disruption. He shows how innovation can be managed rather than feared, why competition policy matters more than ever in a digital economy, and what it takes to build societies that keep pace with accelerating technological change.

Dr. Howitt is Lyn Crost Professor of Social Sciences Emeritus at Brown University, a Fellow of the Econometric Society, and a member of the Royal Society of Canada. He is also a past president of the Canadian Economics Association and a former editor of the *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*.

A dynamic, clear-thinking speaker, Peter Howitt brings intellectual depth and real-world perspective to the most urgent questions of our time: How do we sustain growth in an age of disruption — and who benefits from it?

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