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CO-OP CONVERSATIONS

A casual online gathering for co-operative professionals to learn from others in the field and exchange information

AI AS INFRASTRUCTURE, NOT IDEOLOGY FEATURING ANDI ARGAST

Date: Wednesday, September 2

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM CST

(Saskatchewan time)

Where: on Zoom (free to attend)



Co-operatives have absorbed new technology before without it being existential; think agriculture co-ops mechanizing, credit unions computerizing core banking, or rural electric co-ops forming to meet new demand. The tool question has always been about who controls the deployment of said tools, and of course, how they are introduced and implemented. In this Co-op Conversation, Andi Argast explores some practical questions and concerns on how and why co-ops should (or should not) be using agentic AI tools. Moreover, drawing from the recently published report, "Reclaiming the Stack – Co-operative AI Infrastructure for the Canadian Solidarity Economy", Andi will examine whether a genuinely co-operative alternative to current AI tools is feasible.

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