

# 2026 W.A. Mackintosh Lecture



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### *Masters of Scale: AI and Our Global Future*

Daniel Trefler's research focuses on the intersection of innovation, inequality, and trade. He has advised extensively on Canada's major trade agreements and Canada-US / Canada-China economic relations. He also advises on the international governance of artificial intelligence.

Trefler's contributions have been recognized with numerous distinctions, including the Killam Prize in the Social Sciences and the Bank of Canada Fellowship Award. He has delivered academic and public lectures internationally and his work has been cited in major media outlets including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Economist*.

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**Time: 4:00 - 5:30 PM**

**Location: Biosciences Complex, Room 1102**

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