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Reclaiming Conversation: The Power of Talk in a Digital Age

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Presents

Reclaiming Conversation: The Power of Talk in a Digital Age

with MIT Professor Sherry Turkle

Professor, author, consultant and researcher Sherry Turkle has spent the last 30 years studying the psychology of people's relationships with technology. She has investigated the intersection of digital technology and human relationships from the early days of personal computers to our current world of robotics, artificial intelligence, social networking and mobile connectivity. Turkle's most recent book, *New York Times* best-seller, "Reclaiming Conversation™: The Power of Talk in the Digital Age" (Penguin Press, October 2015), focuses on the importance of conversation in digital cultures, including business and the professions.

Professor Turkle's work shows how technological advancements catalyze changes in what we do and how we think. Her research also raises critical questions about technology's role in business productivity, asking whether multi-tasking actually leads to deteriorating performance in each of our tasks. Does our always-connected state affect our ability to think, to be creative and to innovate?

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