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# ***The Jim Rutt Show***

## ***"real thinking about deep ideas"***

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(Staunton, Virginia — July 9, 2019) On Tuesday, July 9, ***The Jim Rutt Show*** will debut an interview podcast series examining cutting-edge thinking in science and technology and the future of our economic, political and social systems and institutions. The first two podcasts go live Tuesday, July 9:

- ***Robin Hanson*** — Associate Professor of Economics, George Mason University; Research Associate, Future of Humanity Institute at Oxford University
- ***Simon DeDeo*** — Assistant Professor in Social and Decision Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University; External Professor at the Santa Fe Institute

Each interview covers a short list of critical topics in depth. Jim Rutt has a reputation for not letting people get by on talking points. He provokes real conversations with the leading thinkers, writers, and doers who are shaping the future of the planet. New podcasts will be published weekly throughout the first season. Committed guests for the opening season of ***The Jim Rutt Show*** include:

- ***Dr. Ben Goertzel*** — Leading AI researcher and author, CEO of SingularityNET, Chairman of AGI Society, Chairman of OpenCog Foundation
- ***Jill Tarter, Ph.D.*** — Leading scientific researcher, Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI). Chair Emeritus for SETI Research of the SETI Institute.
- ***Lee Smolin*** — Theoretical physicist, Founding and Senior Faculty Member at Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics. Author of numerous books and more than 200 scientific papers, essays, and writings on science. His most recent book is *Einstein's Unfinished Revolution: The Search for What Lies Beyond the Quantum*.
- ***Cory Doctorow*** — Science fiction author, activist, journalist, blogger, and Co-Editor of *Boing Boing*. Cory is an MIT Media Lab research affiliate.
- ***Jordan Hall***, a.k.a. Jordan Greenhall — Former CEO DivX, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman of the Neurohacker Collective, and Game~B; Editor of *Deep Code*, *Emergent Culture*, *Rally Point Perspectives*, *Practical*

*Imagination, and Swell Considerations.*

- **Douglas Rushkoff** — Host of the *Team Human* podcast and author of *Team Human* as well as a dozen other bestselling books on media, technology, and culture. He is professor of media theory and digital economics at CUNY/Queens.
- **Daniel Schmachtenberger** — Co-Founder of the Neurohacker Collective and Director of R&D, focused on developing processes and technologies for advancing medicine and human optimization. Daniel conducts many of the podcasts at Collective Insights, and has a blog on redesigning civilization at CivilizationEmerging.com.
- **David Krakauer** — President and William H. Miller Professor of Complex Systems at the Santa Fe Institute. David's research focuses on the evolutionary history of information-processing mechanisms in biology and culture, including genetic, neural, linguistic, and cultural mechanisms.
- **Trent McConaghy** — Founder of Ocean Protocol, a decentralized data economy to spread the benefits of AI. Worked on machine creativity, and AI to help drive Moore's Law, via two startups and a Ph.D. Launched the Token Engineering and Nature 2.0 movements.
- **David Brin** — American scientist, tech consultant, and best-selling author. His Hugo, Locus, and Nebula awarded novels include *The Postman*, adapted as a feature film in 1997 with Kevin Costner. His nonfiction *The Transparent Society* won the Freedom of Speech Award.
- **David Snowden** — Founder and Chief Scientific Officer of Cognitive Edge, has pioneered a science-based approach to organizations and is well known for his pragmatic cynicism and iconoclastic style.
- **Brian Nosek** — Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Open Science (COS) that operates the Open Science Framework. Member of the Social Sciences Replication Project, and Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Virginia.
- **Joe Norman** — Applied Complexity and Data Scientist and Affiliate at the New England Complex Systems Institute in Cambridge, MA. Instructor at the Real World Risk Institute and founder of Applied Complexity Science, LLC.
- **Peter Wang** — Chief Technology Officer and Co-Founder of Anaconda, the leading Python tools and data analytics company, where he runs the open-source and community innovation group. Peter has extensive experience in software design, including 3D graphics, geophysics, large data simulation and visualization, financial risk modeling, and medical imaging.

**Jim Rutt** is the host of ***The Jim Rutt Show***. The former CEO of Network Solutions, *The New York Times* referred to him as "[the Internet's bad boy](#)" due to his reputation for creative mischief.

A brief bio:

Jim Rutt is the past Chairman of the Santa Fe Institute. He was CEO of Network Solutions, which operated the .com, .net, and .org domain namespaces on the Internet until its acquisition by Verisign in 2000. Jim was the first CTO of Thomson-Reuters. He was Chairman of the computer chip design software company Analog Design Automation until its acquisition by Synopsys in 2004.

Previously Jim either founded or played a key role as advisor and investor in several significant information services, software, and network companies. He was Researcher in Residence at the Santa Fe Institute from 2002 to 2004, studying the application of complexity science to financial markets, and evolutionary artificial intelligence. He was Executive Producer of the awarding-winning film "[Zombiewood](#)."

Jim is a co-founder of the Staunton Makerspace, a membership maker shop and hacker space. He is currently a Santa Fe Institute Research Fellow studying conscious cognition and evolutionary artificial intelligence. Jim is also a member of the Board of Advisers of the Fralin Life Sciences Institute at Virginia Tech. Jim received his B.S. degree in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1975 and is a member of MIT's Visiting Committee for the Department of Brain & Cognitive Sciences.

***The Jim Rutt Show*** excels in audio production values thanks to the support of the Staunton Media Lab. Steve O'Keefe, producer of ***The Jim Rutt Show***, is executive director of the Staunton Media Lab and has produced one of the earliest video podcasts, *AuthorViews*, beginning in 2004. Steve also produced the successful *Annick Press Podcast Series* with authors of young adult books, the *Louder Than Words* series for teen authors, and the *Read Across America Day Live Chat Series* with dozens of famous children's authors.

You can find the released podcasts of ***The Jim Rutt Show*** at [JimRuttShow.com](http://JimRuttShow.com) and detailed biographies for committed guests at [jimruttshow.com/upcoming-guests/](http://jimruttshow.com/upcoming-guests/) ***The Jim Rutt Show*** podcast is available on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, TuneIn, Stitcher, via [RSS](#), or directly from [JimRuttShow.com](http://JimRuttShow.com). The website has a complete collection of podcasts, including show transcripts, episode highlights, guest biographies, and links.

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