



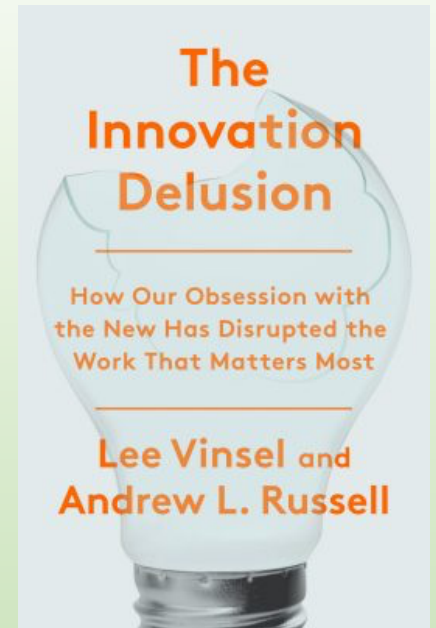
The Innovation Delusion: How Our Obsessions with the New Has Disrupted the Work that Matters Most

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Since the 1950s, we have literally heard the word "innovation" more and more every year. But is this innovation-speak getting us what we want? In this talk, I will examine the history of innovation-speak, argue that it isn't getting us more innovation and comes with serious costs, including distracting us from important issues like maintenance and repair. I will outline some of the ideas of The Maintainers community, which has been thinking about these topics for the past six years. The Maintainers is a global, interdisciplinary research network focused on maintenance, repair, and the mundane work that keeps our world going.

With Lee Vinsel, Assistant Professor of Science, Technology, and Society at Virginia Tech University and a co-founder of The Maintainers. He is author of *Moving Violations*, a history of automobile regulation in the United States, and co-author with Andy Russell of *The Innovation Delusion: How Our Obsession with the New Has Disrupted the Work that Matters Most*.



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