

# Thomas L. Friedman Discusses How to Live in the 21st Century

*Pulitzer Prize-Winning Writer Talks about Accelerated Culture at Downtown L.A. Author Event*

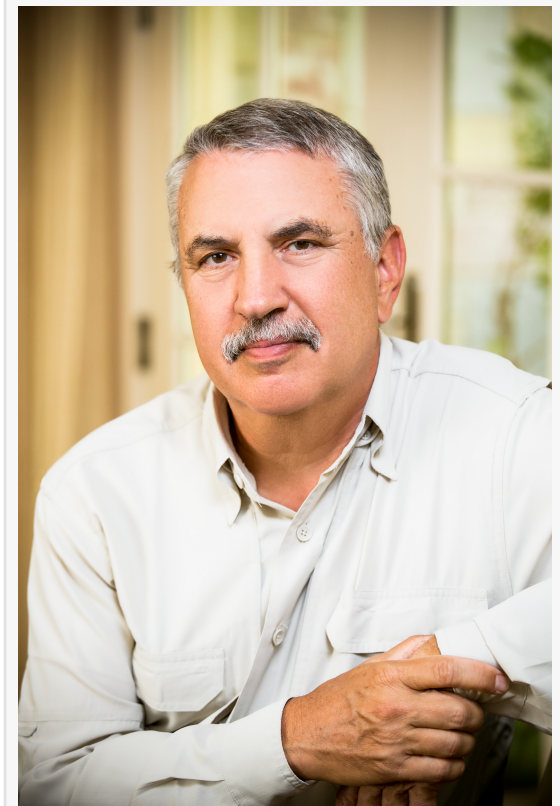
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, November 28, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Thomas L. Friedman, three-time recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for his work with The New York Times and the author of six bestselling books, including *The World Is Flat*, will talk about his new book *Thank You for Being Late: Finding a Job, Running a Country, and Keeping Your Head in an Age of Accelerations* during a Live Talks Los Angeles breakfast forum on Friday, December 9, 2016 in downtown Los Angeles.

*Thank You for Being Late* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, November 22, 2016) is a field guide to the 21st century, written by one of its most celebrated observers. In his most ambitious work to date, Friedman shows that we have entered an age of dizzying acceleration – and explains how to live in it. Due to an exponential increase in computing power, climbers atop Mount Everest enjoy excellent cell-phone service and self-driving cars are taking to the roads. A parallel explosion of economic interdependency has created new riches as well as spiraling debt burdens. Meanwhile, Mother Nature is also seeing dramatic changes as carbon levels rise and species go extinct, with compounding results.

How do these changes interact, and how can we cope with them? To get a better purchase on the present, Friedman returns to his Minnesota childhood and sketches a world where politics worked and joining the middle class was an achievable goal. Today, by contrast, it is easier than ever to be a maker (try 3-D printing) or a breaker (the Islamic State excels at using Twitter), but harder than ever to be a leader or merely “average.” Friedman concludes that nations and individuals must learn to be fast (innovative and quick to adapt), fair (prepared to help the casualties of change), and slow (adept at shutting out the noise and accessing their deepest values). With vision, authority, and wit, *Thank You for Being Late* establishes a blueprint for how to think about our times.

## Event Details

Tickets can be purchased at [livetalksla.org](http://livetalksla.org) and range from \$50-\$65. Each purchase includes a copy of *Thank You for Being Late* and continental breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 7:45-8:15am and the program runs from 8:15-9:15am. For more information, contact [info@livetalksla.org](mailto:info@livetalksla.org). Location for this event is Gensler, 500 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.



Pulitzer Prize-winning author Thomas L. Friedman to speak at Breakfast Forum

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