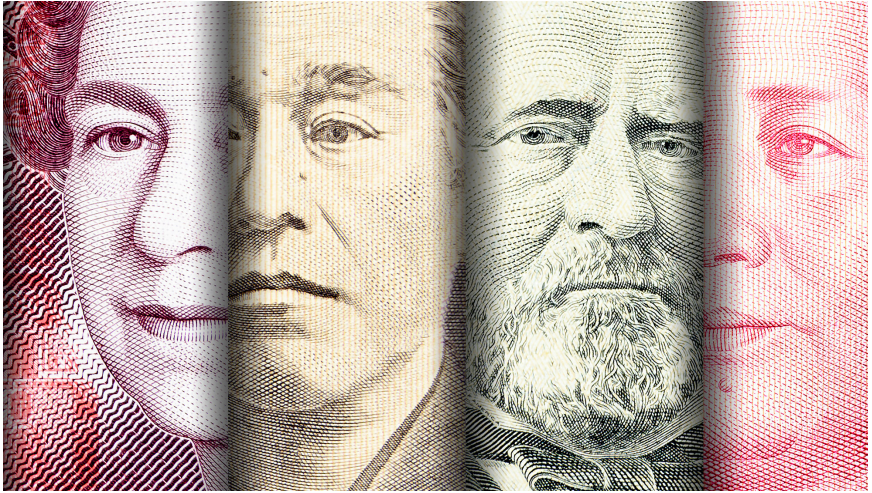




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Democracy and Capitalism

An (Ant)agonistic History

December 2-3, 2022

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Friday, December 2

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

10:00 a.m.

Panel I: Early American Models of Self-Government

Bill Novak (University of Michigan)

“Revolution and Democracy: Legislation and Regulation in the American Founding”

Cécile Roudeau (Université Paris Cité)

“Democracy/State: Using Beyond a Fictitious Dichotomy, The Case of Early American Domestic Treatises”

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Panel II: Social Citizenship and Inclusion

Ben Laurence (University of Chicago)

“Workers as Agents of Change: Democracy in Labor Politics”

Karen Tani (University of Pennsylvania)

“Liberalism’s Last Rights: Disability Inclusion and the Rise of the Cost-Benefit State”

3:30 p.m.

Panel III: Dilemmas of Democratic Governance

Stephen Sawyer (American University of Paris)

“The Problem of Democratic Government in the French Revolution”

Bernadette Meyler (Stanford Law School)

“The Majoritarian Difficulty”

Reception to follow



Saturday, December 3

9:00 a.m.

Panel IV: Who Rules in a Democratic Economy?

Leah Downey (Cambridge University)

“Our Money: Monetary Policy as if Democracy Mattered”

Stefan Eich (Georgetown University)

“Keynes and Democracy”

James T. Sparrow (University of Chicago)

“The Sovereign Consumer and the Demise of the Mixed Economy”

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Agenda for Collaboration (Working Lunch)

About the Research Project

Democracy and Capitalism: An Interdisciplinary Project in History, Law, and Politics is a national and translational project seeking to recover a new understanding of the relationship between democracy and capitalism in history from the late 18th century age of revolution to the culmination of late 20th century neoliberalism. The research team asserts that existing accounts of capitalism and democracy feature a problematic over-reliance on liberalism and economism in the literatures on economic history, the history of capitalism, law and economics, law and society, democratic theory, and democratic studies more generally. By foregrounding the priority of democracy and the interdependence and intersectionality of histories of capitalism and democracy, the project aims to construct an alternative to reigning political-economic orthodoxies that have fueled so many contemporary crises. The research team will engage diverse scholars across a range of disciplines for a multi-year collaboration and conversations re-assessing the fundamental relationship of modern democracy and capitalist development and its future possibilities.

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