

2024

Liberalism for the 21st Century

A Gathering of the
Institute for the Study of Modern Authoritarianism

July 11th - 12th
Dupont Circle Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Welcome Message

Dear Conference Guest:

Welcome to “Liberalism for the 21st Century,” the inaugural conference of the Institute for the Study of Modern Authoritarianism (ISMA), publisher of *The UnPopulist*.

Over the last 250 years, Enlightenment liberalism has delivered increasing political stability, peace, and prosperity. Yet both in the United States and elsewhere, liberalism is being challenged by illiberal movements, particularly those mobilizing majoritarian grievances, that question liberalism’s commitment to personal liberty, toleration, pluralism, political equality, and a just rule of law that holds even the powerful accountable. If these illiberal impulses prevail, we risk a rise in ethnic strife, religious warfare, poverty and more.

That’s why it is vital that liberals of all political persuasions set aside their policy differences and come together in a renewed defense of liberal democratic institutions and values. Over the next two days, leading liberal thinkers from around the world will respond to liberalism’s critics and build the case that liberalism, whatever its historical origins, is a universally applicable idea. We will discuss electoral reforms to strengthen the foundations of liberal democracies, while seeking liberal responses to such issues as climate change, economic inequality, and social justice.

This conference represents an important step in building an intellectual coalition to defeat illiberalism—not through coercion, but through persuasion in the marketplace of ideas.

We are thrilled that you will be part of this effort.



Shikha Dalmia

President, ISMA
Editor, *The UnPopulist*

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Agenda

Thursday, July 11, 2024

3:15 PM – 3:55 PM

Check In and Registration

Dupont Circle Ballroom Foyer

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Opening: Time for All Liberals to Unite

Shikha Dalmia, President, ISMA

Dupont Circle Ballroom

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

Keynote

Yevgenia Albats, Editor, *The New Times* (Russia)

Dupont Circle Ballroom

5:15 PM – 6:30 PM

Liberalism Beyond the West

- Azar Nafisi, Author, *Reading Lolita in Tehran*
- Henri Barkey, Cohen Professor of International Relations, Lehigh University/CFR
- Anne Applebaum, Staff Writer, *The Atlantic*; Senior Fellow, Johns Hopkins University
- Moderated by Zack Beauchamp, Senior Correspondent, Vox

This panel is sponsored by Vox

Dupont Circle Ballroom

Please note that the conference will be covered by both photography and audio/video recording.

Unless otherwise noted, panels and breakouts are on the record.

The WiFi Network is "The Dupont Circle WIFI"

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Friday, July 12, 2024

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Postliberal Critiques: A Response

- Mark Lilla, Professor of the Humanities, Columbia University
- William Galston, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution
- David French, Opinion Columnist, *The New York Times*
- Moderated by Jacob Levy, Tomlinson Professor of Political Theory, McGill University

This panel is sponsored by the SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University
Dupont Circle Ballroom

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Electoral Systems for a Diverse Liberal Democracy

- John Carey, Professor of Government, Dartmouth College
- Lee Drutman, Senior Fellow, New America
- Tova Wang, Director of Research Projects in Democratic Practice, Ash Center, Harvard Kennedy School
- Moderated by Ian Bassin, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Protect Democracy

Dupont Circle Ballroom

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch

Glover Park Ballroom & Doyle Bar

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Breakouts

Economic Populism: Left and Right

- León Krauze, Journalist and Editor, *Letras Libres*
- Dalibor Rohac, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
- Steve Fish, Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley
- Moderated by Sheri Berman, Professor, Barnard College, Columbia University

This panel is sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies
Dupont Circle Ballroom

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Breakouts (continued)

Fighting Misinformation without Censorship

- Katie Harbath, Chief Global Affairs Officer, Duco Experts
- Renée DiResta, Author
- Berin Szóka, President, TechFreedom
- Moderated by Jonathan Rauch, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

Foxhall Ballroom

Climate Change: Liberal Solutions

- Jonathan Adler, Professor of Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law
 - Nils Gilman, EVP & COO, Berggruen Institute
 - Joseph Majkut, Director, Energy Security and Climate Change Program, CSIS
 - Moderated by Matt Yglesias, Editor, Slow Boring
- Georgetown (2nd floor)*

Liberalism and its Implications for Social Justice

- Eve Fairbanks, Senior Editor, *Foreign Affairs*
- Keidrick Roy, Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows
- James Davison Hunter, LaBrosse-Levinson Professor of Religion, Culture and Social Theory, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia
- Moderated by Stephen Macedo, Professor, Princeton University

Kalorama (2nd floor)

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

A New Theory of Liberal Internationalism

- Anne-Marie Slaughter, CEO, New America
- Samuel Moyn, Kent Professor of Law and History, Yale University
- Max Boot, Senior Fellow in National Security Studies, Council on Foreign Relations
- Moderated by David Miliband, Former Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom

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5:15 PM – 6:30 PM

Closing: Revitalizing Liberalism at the End of History

- Francis Fukuyama, Olivier Nomellini Senior Fellow, Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies
- Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi; Laurence Rockefeller Visiting Professor for Distinguished Teaching at Princeton University

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Meet our Speakers



Jonathan Adler

Professor of Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Jonathan H. Adler is the inaugural Johan Verheij Memorial Professor of Law and Director of the Coleman P. Burke Center for Environmental Law at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where he teaches courses in environmental, administrative and constitutional law. His books include *Climate Liberalism: Perspectives on Liberty, Property, and Pollution* (Palgrave, 2023), *Marijuana Federalism: Uncle Sam and Mary Jane* (Brookings Institution, 2020), and *Business and the Roberts Court* (Oxford University Press, 2016). His articles have appeared in publications ranging from the *Harvard Environmental Law Review* and *Yale Journal on Regulation* to *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *Washington Post*. He has testified before Congress a dozen times, and his work has been cited in the U.S. Supreme Court. Professor Adler is a contributing editor to National Review Online and a regular contributor to the popular legal blog, "The Volokh Conspiracy." He is also a senior fellow at the Property and Environment Research Center in Bozeman, Montana. Prior to joining the faculty at Case Western, he clerked for the Honorable David B. Sentelle on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.



Yevgenia Albats

CEO and Editor, *The New Times* (Russia)

Yevgenia M. Albats is an exiled Russian investigative journalist, author, and academic. She is editor and CEO of *The New Times*, a Russian-language independent political weekly originally based in Moscow and since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, available on YouTube and its website only. She is also a Media and Democracy Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. In 2004, Albats started hosting Absolute Albats, a talk-show on Echo Moskvy, the last remaining liberal radio station in Russia until it was taken off the air ten days into Russia's war with Ukraine. Albats was an Alfred Friendly Press Fellow assigned to the Chicago Tribune in 1990 and a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University in 1993. She graduated from Moscow State University in 1980 and received her Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University in 2004. She has been a member of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) since its founding in 1996. Since 2003, Albats has taught political science at Yale, the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Moscow, the University of Michigan, and New York University. She has been studying the secret services of the U.S.S.R and Russia since 1987, and is the author of four independently researched books, including *The State Within a State: The KGB and its Hold on Russia - Past, Present & Future*.



Anne Applebaum

Staff Writer, *The Atlantic*; Senior Fellow, Johns Hopkins University

Anne Applebaum is a journalist, a prize-winning historian, a staff writer for *The Atlantic* and a senior fellow at the SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University. Her books include *Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine*; *Iron Curtain: The Crushing of Eastern Europe 1944-1956*; and *Gulag: A History*, which won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction. Her most recent book is the *New York Times* bestseller, *Twilight of Democracy*, an essay on democracy and authoritarianism. Her new book, *Autocracy Inc.*, will be published July 23.



Henri Barkey

Cohen Professor of International Relations, Lehigh University/CFR

Henri J. Barkey is the Bernard L. and Bertha F. Cohen Professor of International Relations at Lehigh University and Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is the former Director of the Middle East Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and from 1998 to 2000, he served as a member of the US State Department Policy Planning Staff, working primarily on issues related to the Middle East, the eastern Mediterranean, and intelligence. His most recent works include "Erdogan the Survivor: Washington Needs a New Approach to Turkey's Improviser in Chief," *Foreign Affairs*, September-October 2023, "Erdogan, Turkish Foreign Policy and the Middle East," in James Gelvin (ed.) *The Contemporary Middle East in an Age of Upheaval* (California: Stanford University Press, 2021), "The Kurdish Awakening," *Foreign Affairs*, 2019.



Ian Bassin

Co-Founder and Executive Director, Protect Democracy

Ian Bassin is Co-Founder and Executive Director of Protect Democracy. He previously served as Associate White House Counsel, where in addition to counseling the President and senior White House staff on administrative and constitutional law, his responsibilities included ensuring that White House and executive branch officials complied with the laws, rules and norms that protect the fundamentally democratic nature of our government. His writing on democracy, authoritarianism, and American law and politics has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Slate*, *Salon*, *The New York Review of Books* and other publications. He is a recipient of a 2023 MacArthur Fellowship, the Skoll Award for Social Innovation, and has repeatedly been named among the 500 most influential people in Washington by *Washingtonian Magazine*. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School and a B.A. from Wesleyan University.



Zack Beauchamp

Senior Correspondent, Vox

Zack Beauchamp is a senior correspondent at Vox, where he covers challenges to democracy in the United States and abroad, right-wing populism, and the world of ideas. He has received funding awards from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting to report on democratic decline in Israel and Hungary in the field, and is the author of *On The Right*, a newsletter on the American conservative movement. He has appeared on a wide range of television and radio networks, including MSNBC, CNN, Fox News, BBC, CBC, ABC (Australia), and Al Jazeera. His book on democracy, *The Reactionary Spirit*, will be published in July.



Sheri Berman

Professor, Barnard College, Columbia University

Sheri Berman is a professor of Political Science at Barnard College, Columbia University. Her research interests include European history and politics, the development of democracy, populism and fascism, and the history of the left. She has written about these topics for a wide variety of scholarly and non-scholarly publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Foreign Policy*, *Foreign Affairs*, and VOX. Her last book was *Democracy and Dictatorship in Europe: From the Ancien Regime to the Present Day*, and she is currently working on a book entitled *The Political Consequences of Economic Ideas: Neoliberalism, the Left and the Fate of Democracy*.



Max Boot

Senior Fellow in National Security Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

Max Boot is a historian, best-selling author and foreign-policy analyst. He is the Jeane J. Kirkpatrick senior fellow for national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations and a weekly columnist for *The Washington Post*. Boot's new biography of Ronald Reagan, *Reagan: His Life and Legend*, has been acclaimed as "an exceptional biography of an exceptional man" (David Petraeus) and "a timely and fascinating book" (Walter Isaacson). Max Boot's previous biography, *The Road Not Taken: Edward Lansdale and the American Tragedy in Vietnam*, was a *New York Times* bestseller and a finalist for the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in biography.



John Carey

Professor of Government, Dartmouth College

John Carey is the John Wentworth Professor in the Social Sciences at Dartmouth. He teaches classes on elections, threats to democracy, and foreign aid. He is a co-founder/director of BrightLineWatch.org, which monitors democratic performance, erosion, and resilience in the United States. Carey is author or co-author of six books and over 100 academic articles on representation and democracy. He has consulted on electoral system reform in Canada, Nepal, Afghanistan, Jordan, Tunisia, Yemen, South Sudan, Israel, Mexico, Chile, El Salvador, Philippines, and Taiwan.



Shikha Dalmia

President, Institute for the Study of Modern Authoritarianism

Shikha founded ISMA in 2023 with the aim of preventing the overtaking of liberal democracies by religious, ethnic, and populist nationalist movements. She is also the founder and editor-in-chief of *The UnPopulist*, a publication that is likewise dedicated to defending liberalism from authoritarian challenges.

Shikha, a native of India who became a U.S. citizen, was an editorial writer for *The Detroit News* from 1995 to 2004, and a senior analyst at *Reason* magazine from 2005-2020, winning numerous awards for her work on civil liberties, immigration, and environmental issues. She was a visiting fellow at the Mercatus Center's program on Pluralism and Civil Exchange from 2021-2023. She has served as a columnist at *Forbes*, *The Daily*, *The Washington Examiner*, *The Week*, and *Reason*. She has been published in numerous publications around the world including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Times of London*, *The Daily Beast*, and *USA Today*.



James Davison Hunter

LaBrosse-Levinson Professor of Religion, Culture and Social Theory, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia

James Davison Hunter is LaBrosse-Levinson Distinguished Professor of Religion, Culture and Social Theory at the University of Virginia. Since 1995, he has served as the Executive Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture. He has written 10 books and published a wide range of essays, articles, and reviews all variously concerned with the problem of meaning and moral order in a time of political and cultural change in American life. His most recent work is *Democracy and Solidarity: On the Cultural Roots of America's Political Crisis* (Yale 2024).



Renée DiResta

Author, *Invisible Rulers*

Renée DiResta spent five years as the Technical Research Manager at the Stanford Internet Observatory, a cross-disciplinary program of research, teaching and policy engagement for the study of abuse in current information technologies. Her work examines adversarial abuse online, ranging from state actors running influence operations, to spammers and scammers, to issues related to child safety. Renée is also the author of the book *Invisible Rulers: The People Who Turn Lies into Reality*, which explores the dynamics of rumors and propaganda in the digital age. Renée has advised Congress, the State Department, and other academic, civic, and business organizations on issues related to technology and policy, including information operations, generative AI, election security, researcher transparency, and more. At the behest of SSCI, she led outside teams investigating both the Russia-linked Internet Research Agency's multi-year effort to manipulate American society and elections, and the GRU influence campaign deployed alongside its hack-and-leak operations in the 2016 election. Renée is a regular contributor at *The Atlantic*. Her bylined writing has also appeared in *Wired*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Yale Review*, *The Guardian*, *POLITICO*, *Slate*, and *Noema*, as well as many academic journals. She has been a Presidential Leadership Scholar (a program run by the Presidents Bush, Clinton, and the LBJ Foundations), an Emerson Fellow, a Truman National Security Project fellow, Mozilla Fellow in Media, Misinformation, and Trust, a Harvard Berkman-Klein affiliate, and a Council on Foreign Relations term member.



Lee Drutman

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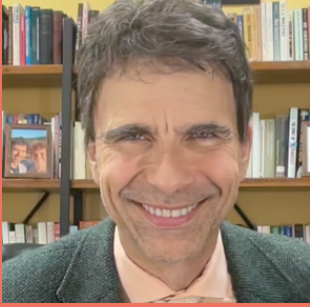
Lee Drutman is the author of *Breaking the Two-Party Doom Loop: The Case for Multiparty Democracy in America*. He is a senior fellow at the think tank New America, a lecturer at Johns Hopkins University, the co-host of the podcast *Politics in Question*, the co-founder of Fix Our House, a campaign for proportional representation in America, and the co-founder of the Center for Ballot Freedom, which advocates for fusion voting. He writes the newsletter *Undercurrent Events*.



Eve Fairbanks

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Eve Fairbanks is a writer and a senior editor at *Foreign Affairs*. Her first book, *The Inheritors: An Intimate Portrait of South Africa's Racial Reckoning*, won the 2023 PEN John Kenneth Galbraith Prize for Nonfiction.



Steve Fish

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Steve Fish is a comparative political scientist who specializes in democracy and authoritarianism, religion and politics, and constitutional systems and national legislatures. His most recent book is *Comeback: Routing Trumpism, Reclaiming the Nation, and Restoring Democracy's Edge* (2024).



David French

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David French is an Opinion columnist at *The New York Times*. A graduate of Harvard Law School and a constitutional lawyer, he previously worked as a contributing writer at *The Atlantic*, as a senior editor of *The Dispatch*, and as a senior writer for *National Review*. He is a *New York Times* bestselling author, and his most recent book is *Divided We Fall: America's Secession Threat and How to Restore Our Nation*. David is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2007-2008, he served with the Second Squadron, Third Armored Cavalry Regiment, in Diyala Province, Iraq, where he was awarded the Bronze Star.



Francis Fukuyama

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Francis Fukuyama is Olivier Nomellini Senior Fellow at Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI), and a faculty member of FSI's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL). He is also Director of Stanford's Masters in International Policy Program, and a professor (by courtesy) of Political Science. Dr. Fukuyama has written widely on issues in development and international politics. His 1992 book, *The End of History and the Last Man*, has appeared in over twenty foreign editions. His most recent book, *Liberalism and Its Discontents*, was published in the spring of 2022.



William A. Galston

Ezra K. Zilkha Chair, Governance Studies Program, Brookings Institution

William A. Galston holds the Ezra K. Zilkha Chair in the Brookings Institution's Governance Studies Program, where he serves as a senior fellow. He is also a weekly columnist at the *Wall Street Journal*, where he writes the Politics & Ideas column. Prior to January 2006 he was the Saul Stern Professor and Acting Dean at the School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, director of the Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy, founding director of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), and executive director of the National Commission on Civic Renewal, co-chaired by former Secretary of Education William Bennett and former Senator Sam Nunn. A participant in six presidential campaigns, he served from 1993 to 1995 as deputy assistant to President Clinton for Domestic Policy. Mr. Galston is the author of 10 books and more than 100 articles in the fields of political theory, public policy, and American politics. His most recent books are *The Practice of Liberal Pluralism* (Cambridge, 2004), *Public Matters* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005), and *Anti-Pluralism: The Populist Threat to Liberal Democracy* (Yale, 2018). A winner of the American Political Science Association's Hubert H. Humphrey Award, he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2004.



Nils Gilman

EVP & COO, Berggruen Institute

Nils Gilman is the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President at the Berggruen Institute, in which capacity he directs the day-to-day activities of the Institute, leads its research program, and serves as Deputy Editor of *Noema Magazine*. He has previously worked as Associate Chancellor at the University of California, Berkeley, as Research Director and scenario planner at the Monitor Group and Global Business Network, and at various enterprise software companies including Salesforce.com. He is the author of *Mandarins of the Future: Modernization Theory in Cold War America* (2004), *Deviant Globalization: Black Market Economy in the 21st Century* (2011), and *Children of a Modest Star: Planetary Thinking for an Age of Crises* (2024). He holds a bachelor's, master's, and doctorate in history from U.C. Berkeley.



Katie Harbath

Chief Global Affairs Officer, Duco Experts

Katie is the Chief Global Affairs Officer at Duco. A global leader at the intersection of policy, democracy, and technology, Katie's career spans political campaigns, civil society, and technology. Prior to Duco, Katie spent ten years at Facebook, where she built and led global teams that managed elections and helped government and political figures use the social network to connect with their constituents. She has extensive experience in elections and government engagement around the globe as well as developing product policy on a wide range of issues.



León Krauze

Journalist and Editor, *Letras Libres* magazine

Journalist, author and news anchor, León Krauze (Mexico City, 1975) has had a multifaceted career in both media and academia. For almost twenty years, Krauze has been one of the leading figures in news broadcasts in Mexico and the United States. He has received multiple awards for his journalistic work, including ten Emmy Awards, as well as the Edward R. Murrow, LA Press Club and Golden Mic awards. A columnist for *The Washington Post*, Krauze's work has also appeared in *Slate*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atavist*, *The Daily Beast*, *Journal of Democracy* *Letras Libres* and a long list of publications in both his native Mexico and the United States. Krauze has published six books, including "La Mesa, Historias de nuestra gente," a collection of fifty profiles of immigrants. As a university professor, Krauze has taught in Mexico and the United States. In 2016, he held the prestigious Wallis Annenberg Chair in Journalism at USC, where he is now a senior fellow at the Annenberg Center on Communication Leadership and Policy. He lives in Miami with his wife and three children.



William Kristol

Director, Defending Democracy Together

For three decades, William Kristol has been a leading participant in American political debates and a widely respected analyst of American political developments. Having served in senior positions in the Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush Administrations, Kristol understands government from the inside; as a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University, he has studied American politics and society from the outside. Now, as founding director of Defending Democracy Together, an organization dedicated to defending America's liberal democratic norms, principles, and institutions, Kristol is in the midst of the national debate on issues ranging from American foreign policy to the future of the Republican Party and the meaning of American conservatism. Kristol is editor-at-large of *The Bulwark*, a news network dedicated to providing political analysis and reporting free from the constraints of partisan loyalties or tribal prejudices. Kristol frequently appears on all the major television talk shows, and also is the host of the highly regarded video series and podcast, *Conversations with Bill Kristol*. Kristol received his undergraduate degree and his Ph.D. from Harvard University.



Jacob T. Levy

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Jacob T. Levy is Tomlinson Professor of Political Theory, Professor of Political Science, and associated faculty in the Department of Philosophy at McGill University. He is the coordinator of McGill's Research Group on Constitutional Studies and was the founding director of McGill's Yan P. Lin Centre for the Study of Freedom and Global Orders in the Ancient and Modern Worlds. He is a Senior Fellow at the Niskanen Center, and has been a Distinguished Fellow for the Study of Liberalism and the Free Society of the Institute for Humane Studies and a Templeton Adam Smith Tercentenary Fellow at The University of Glasgow. He is the author of *The Multiculturalism of Fear* (Oxford 2000) and *Rationalism, Pluralism, and Freedom* (Oxford 2014), among others. His next book is *Justice in Babylon*. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from Brown University, an M.A. and Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University, and an LL.M. from the University of Chicago Law School.



Mark Lilla

Professor of the Humanities, Columbia University

Mark Lilla specializes in intellectual history, with a particular focus on Western political and religious thought. Before moving to Columbia in 2007 he taught in the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago and at New York University. A regular contributor to the *New York Review of Books*, he is the author of *The Once and Future Liberal: After Identity Politics* (2017), *The Shipwrecked Mind: On Political Reaction* (2016), *The Stillborn God: Religion, Politics, and the Modern West* (2007), *The Reckless Mind: Intellectuals in Politics* (2001), and *G.B. Vico: The Making of an Anti-Modern* (1993). He has also edited *The Legacy of Isaiah Berlin* (2001) with Ronald Dworkin and Robert Silvers, and *The Public Face of Architecture* (1987) with Nathan Glazer. He is currently writing a book titled *Ignorance and Bliss*, and another on the history of the idea of conversion.



Stephen Macedo

Professor, Princeton University

Stephen Macedo is the Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Politics and the University Center for Human Values at Princeton University. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences since 2014, he is also immediate past-President of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy. He is author, with Princeton Professor Frances Lee, of *In Covid's Wake: How Our Politics Failed Us* (Princeton University Press, 2025), a comprehensive examination of Covid-19 policy and discussion around it as a window onto our political dysfunction. Other books include, *Just Married: Same-Sex Couples, Monogamy, and the Future of Marriage* (2015); *Diversity and Distrust: Civic Education in a Multicultural Democracy* (2000); *Liberal Virtues: Citizenship, Virtue, and Community in Liberal Constitutionalism* (1990); and 20 other co-authored, edited, or co-edited books. Other current research concerns the pressures on social justice exerted by various forms of globalization, especially immigration, and the problems raised by social media companies and the dangers of government efforts to policy "misinformation."



Joseph Majkut

Director, Energy Security and Climate Change Program, CSIS

Joseph Majkut is director of the Energy Security and Climate Change Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Joseph is an expert in climate and energy policy, climate science, and risk and uncertainty analysis for decisionmaking. He is frequently cited in trade and national media on the politics of climate change and has testified before Congress on climate change and science. Before CSIS, Majkut worked as the director of climate policy at the Niskanen Center, where he led that group's efforts to research and promote carbon pricing, low-carbon innovation, regulatory reform, and other market reforms to speed decarbonization. He holds a Ph.D. from Princeton University in atmospheric and oceanic sciences.



Pratap Bhanu Mehta

Professor, Centre for Policy Research, Princeton University

Pratap Bhanu Mehta is Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi and Laurence Rockefeller Visiting Professor for Distinguished Teaching at Princeton University. He was previously Vice-Chancellor of Ashoka University, and President, Centre for Policy Research. He has published widely on intellectual history, Indian Constitutional Law, political theory and international affairs. He is the author of *The Burden of Democracy* (Penguin 2003) and has produced several edited volumes. He is co-editor, with Madhav Khosla and Sujit Choudhary of *The Oxford Handbook to the Indian Constitution*, with Milan Vaishnav and Devesh Kapur, *India's Public Institutions*, with Niraja Jayal, *The Oxford Companion to Indian Politics*. He is also Honorary Fellow, St. John's College Oxford and Fellow of the British Academy.

His policy experience includes being Convenor of the Prime Minister of India's Knowledge Commission (2005-2007) and member of India's National Security Advisory Board. He is also Editorial Consultant to the Indian Express, and contributes prolifically to public debates.



David Miliband

Former Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom

David Miliband is the President and CEO of the International Rescue Committee, an NGO founded by Albert Einstein whose mission is to help people whose lives have been shattered by conflict and disaster, including the climate crisis, to survive, recover, and regain control of their future. He oversees the agency's operations in over 40 crisis-effect countries and its refugee resettlement and assistance programs in the Americas and in Europe. Miliband previously served as the 74th Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom. He is also the author of the book, *Rescue: Refugees and the Political Crisis of Our Time*. As the son of refugees, Miliband brings a personal commitment to the IRC's work and the premise of his book- that we can rescue the dignity and hopes of refugees and displaced people, and if we help them, in the process, we will rescue our own values. He is speaking at the conference in a personal capacity.



Samuel Moyn

Kent Professor of Law and History, Yale University

Samuel Moyn teaches law and history at Yale University. His latest book is *Liberalism against Itself: Cold War Intellectuals and the Making of Our Times* (Yale University Press, 2023).



Azar Nafisi

Author, *Reading Lolita in Tehran*

Azar Nafisi is a critically acclaimed author of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, *Things I've Been Silent About*, *The Republic of Imagination*, *That Other World*, and most recently, *Read Dangerously*. In 2009, *Reading Lolita in Tehran* was named one of the "100 Best Books of the Decade" by *The Times* (London) and remained on *The New York Times* bestseller list for 117 weeks. In addition, Nafisi has penned pieces for *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *The Wall Street Journal*, among other outlets, and has published several book introductions and forewords.

Her books explore totalitarian mindsets, the power of fiction and imagination, and engage with personal memories from the Islamic Republic of Iran. Nafisi was born in Tehran, Iran, and received her Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma. She returned to Iran as an English literature professor during the Iranian Revolution. She was later expelled for refusing mandatory Islamic covering and in 1997, she became a fellow at the School of Advance International Studies at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown University. Nafisi has won many awards, including the Cristóbal Gabarrón Foundation International Thought and Humanities Award, the 2015 Benjamin Franklin Creativity Laureate Award, and several honorary doctorates.



Jonathan Rauch

Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

Jonathan Rauch, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, is the author of eight books and many articles on public policy, culture, and government. He is a contributing writer for *The Atlantic* and recipient of the 2005 National Magazine Award, the magazine industry's equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize. His latest book, published in 2021 by the Brookings Press, is *The Constitution of Knowledge: A Defense of Truth*, a spirited and deep-diving account of how to push back against disinformation, canceling, and other new threats to our fact-based epistemic order.



Dalibor Rohac

Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute (AEI)

Dalibor Rohac is a Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he studies political economy of the European Union, transatlantic relations, the future of Central and Eastern Europe. He is also a Research Associate at the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies in Brussels and a Senior Research Fellow in Politics and International Relations at the University of Buckingham in the UK. He is the author of three books including, most recently, *Governing the EU in an Age of Division* (Edward Elgar Publishing, November 2022). His first book, *Towards an Imperfect Union: A Conservative Case for the EU* (Rowman and Littlefield), was included on *Foreign Affairs* magazine's list of best books of 2016.

Rohac has written about European affairs for *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *Financial Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, and many other outlets. He has provided expert testimony to US Congress' Foreign Affairs Committee, the Helsinki Commission, and published in peer-reviewed journals, and appeared on news outlets including the BBC, NPR, Fox News, among others. He holds a Ph.D. in political economy from King's College London.



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