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“The most comprehensive examination to date of the connection between the financial sector, the Achilles heel of 'free enterprise' economies, and income inequality across countries.”

Event details

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INEQUALITY AND INSTABILITY

A STUDY OF THE
WORLD ECONOMY
JUST BEFORE THE
GREAT CRISIS

JAMES K. GALBRAITH

Book Talk w/ James Galbraith

Chair: David Singer | Discussant: Rachel Wellhausen

About the speakers



James Galbraith is professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, the University of Texas at Austin, where he holds the Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr Chair in Government/Business Relations. He is a leading economist whose books include *The Predator State*, *Inequality and Industrial Change*, and *Created Unequal*.



David Singer is associate professor of political science at MIT. He studies international political economy, with a focus on international financial regulation, the influence of global capital flows on govt policymaking, international institutions and governance, and the political economy of central banking. He is author of *Regulating Capital: Setting Standards for the International Financial System*.



Rachel Wellhausen is a PhD candidate in international political economy and comparative politics at the MIT Department of Political Science. Her dissertation seeks to explain why, in an era of economic globalization, emerging economy governments can sometimes break their commitments to protect foreign investors' property rights.

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