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Seminar:
Prof. Stephen Macedo & Prof. Marcin Kilanowski

Rethinking Democracy:
Liberalism, Citizenship, and Political Community.



Prof. Stephen Macedo

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Prof. Stephen Macedo is the Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Politics and Human Values at Princeton University and the author of *In Covid's Wake: How Our Politics Failed Us* (Princeton University Press, 2025, paperback 2026), named one of 2025's "10 Best Books" by *The Wall Street Journal*, and among the "Best Books of the Year" by *The Economist*, *The New Yorker*, and *Compact*.



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Prof. Marcin Kilanowski's research focuses on political theory, democratic governance, citizenship, and the relationship between law and political community. His work examines the challenges of liberal democracy in contemporary societies, including issues of political polarization, institutional trust, and the evolving meaning of citizenship.

The seminar explores the meaning and future of democracy in a time of political polarization, social fragmentation, and declining trust in institutions. It examines the relationship between liberalism, citizenship, and political community, and asks what kind of democratic order is needed to sustain open, pluralistic, and cohesive societies today.

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11:00 – 12:30

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Room 37
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