



Public Lecture Offerings

The Rise and Fall of the Neoliberal Era

With widening inequality, growing corporate concentration, supply chain fragility, and higher inflation, economic policy conversations have changed swiftly in recent years. The neoliberal paradigm—deregulation, trade liberalization, privatization, and fiscal austerity—is increasingly under assault on right and left. How did this happen? And where might economic policy go next? Sitaraman will discuss the rise of the neoliberal era in the 1970s and 1980s, its dominance in the 1990s and 2000s, and decline and fall in the 2010s. He will also discuss the possibility of a coming revolution in political economy: what emerging thinking from antitrust enforcement to industrial policy might say about the future of American economic policy.

The Future of Supreme Court Reform

In recent years, calls for reforming the Supreme Court have gained considerable attention. Presidential candidates have called for reform; members of Congress and activists have called for expanding the size of the Court; scholars have argued for democratizing the Court by limiting its power. Sitaraman has written some of the leading articles analyzing Supreme Court reform (along with his coauthor Dan Epps). He will speak about why proponents think reform is necessary and discuss the pros, cons, and viability of proposed reforms.

Classroom Discussion Topics

Breaking up and regulating big tech

Is democracy in crisis?

Economic Inequality and the Constitution