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Visitors and Speakers



Paul Pierson
June 2014

Paul Pierson is the John Gross Professor of Political Science at the University of California at Berkeley and a Senior Fellow at the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. His research focuses on American and comparative political economy as well as social theory. Together with Jacob Hacker, he is the author of the highly influential book *Winner-Take-All Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer and Turned Its Back on the Middle Class* (Simon and Schuster 2010), whose impact goes much beyond the scientific realm. Other

recent books include *The Transformation of American Politics: Activist Government and the Rise of Conservatism* (Princeton University Press 2007), co-edited with Theda Skocpol, and *Off-Center: The Republican Revolution and the Erosion of American Democracy* (Yale University Press 2005), co-authored by Jacob Hacker, and *Politics in Time: History, Institutions and Social Analysis* (Princeton University Press 2004).

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Daniel Ziblatt
June 2014

Daniel Ziblatt is Professor of Government at Harvard University, and in Spring 2014 is interim director of the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies. He is the author of *Structuring the State: the Formation of Italy and Germany and the Puzzle of Federalism* (Princeton University Press, 2006), as well as co-editor (with G. Capoccia) of *The Historical Turn in Democratization Studies* (2010). He is currently completing a book under contract with Cambridge University Press that analyzes how old regime elites cope

with democratic institutional changes, entitled *Conservative Political Parties and the Birth of Modern Democracy in Europe, 1848–1950*. Ziblatt is the director of a new historical geospatial data collection project, the "Comparative History of Elections Program" housed at the Institute of Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University. His work has won numerous prizes and he serves on the editorial board of several prestigious journals.

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Activities

Seminar Series

SCOOPS

Tuesday June 10, 2014, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Salle Goguel,
56 rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris

Paul Pierson,

University of California at Berkeley

**American Amnesia: The Forgotten
Roots of Social Prosperity in the
United States**

Discussant: **Bruno Palier,**
Sciences Po, CEE / CNRS

Monday June 23, 2014, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Salle Goguel,
56 rue des Saints-Pères 75007 Paris

Daniel Ziblatt,

Harvard University

**Conservative Parties and the
Stability of Democracy in Times of
Economic Crisis**

Discussant: **Jan Rovny,** Sciences Po,
CEE and LIEPP

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