

**Inaugural inter-campus seminar on ‘The Practice of Democracy’
Jones Room, Woodruff Library,
Emory University,
Sept 18, 2017, 4 - 6 p.m.**

Dear all,

We invite you to participate in the inaugural session of a new inter-campus seminar that colleagues from a number of higher educational institutions in Atlanta are launching on the question of democracy – past and present.

The idea of the seminar is for interested faculty and graduate students from different schools in Atlanta - Emory, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Atlanta University and possibly other campuses - to meet monthly, with a different institution hosting each month. Our aim is to build a wide-ranging conversation on the practice and future of democracy, and the role of academics in promoting the flow of reliable information and healthy intellectual and political debate. For each session, we will invite a speaker from the local academic and intellectual community (or from outside Atlanta, especially when an interesting visitor is available) to present a research paper or talk in an area of her/his expertise, with perhaps one or two discussants responding briefly to initiate what we hope will be an engaged and ongoing discussion.

The inaugural session on Monday, September 18, 2017 will be held in the Jones Room, Woodruff Library, at Emory from 4pm to 6pm.

Professor Dwight A. McBride, Provost of Emory, will make a few opening remarks. He will be followed by four panelists from different campuses speaking briefly about their perspectives on the major questions and issues at stake, before the seminar is opened up for general discussion. We would be delighted to have you join us and participate in the discussions.

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