What? Ran Abramitzky, hosting 39 Stanford faculty who will weigh in on challenges facing the US as we approach the elections. The entire Stanford community is welcome, including staff, students, faculty, post-docs, alumni.

When? Every Tuesday 12:30-1:50 pm (virtual) during the fall quarter.

Why? Should the U.S. close its border to immigrants? What are the ramifications of income inequality? How has COVID-19 changed life as we know it? Why are Americans so politically polarized? How can we address racial injustice? As the 2020 election approaches, faculty members from across Stanford will explore and examine some of the biggest challenges facing society today. Each week will be dedicated to a different topic, ranging from health care and the economy to racial injustice and challenges to democracy. Faculty with expertise in philosophy, economics, law, political science, psychology, medicine, history, and more will come together for lively conversations about the issues not only shaping this election season but also the nation and world at large. There will also be Q&A following the initial discussion.

Events schedule:

September 15: Challenges facing democracy in the U.S
Register at https://stanford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vIwSeAbKS-mIV8eOjxxB9g
Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar (law). American Constitutional Democracy in a Changing World
Larry Diamond (Hoover, FSI, CDDRL). Depolarizing American Politics
Margaret Levi (CASBS and Political Science). A More Equitable Union
Condoleezza Rice (Hoover, GSB, political science). Challenges facing the US

September 22: The challenges posed by Covid-19—and what policy makers can do about it
Register at https://stanford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iUHwiHJXQtvT49Nep1K01Q
Marshall Burke (earth system science). Pandemic and air pollution (tentative title)
Matt Gentzkow (economics). Polarization and Public Health
Pamela Karlan (law). COVID-19, Election 20
Erin Mordecai (biology). Long-Term Intervention Strategies for COVID-19
September 29: How the pandemic is changing the economy

Register at https://stanford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oh0w9rBpS5GXc1-P2BZ3MA

Susan Athey (GSB). Vaccine cooperation and international coordination (tentative title)

Nick Bloom (economics). The future of working from home

Rebecca Diamond (GSB). The Benefits to Preventing another Foreclosure Wave - Evidence from the Great Recession

Darrell Duffie (GSB). Financial markets and economic policy in a pandemic

October 6: Inequality and the American Dream

Register at https://stanford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UXBourMSSwyxic_6ibF64A

Michael Boskin (economics). Income inequality and whether we should aim to reduce it (tentative title)

David Grusky (sociology). Inequality and the American Dream

Debra Satz (philosophy). What (If Anything) is Wrong with Income Inequality?

Florence Torche (sociology). Higher education and income inequality

October 13: Immigration and the American Dream

Register at https://stanford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2ONCUqN8QV2cbOA6x09fpA

Ran Abramitzky (economics). Should the US close its borders to immigrants?

Asad L. Asad (sociology). Deportation threat and daily life

Ana Minian (history). Undocumented Mexican migration in the US

Melanie Morten (economics). Building a border wall
October 20: Diversity, polarization, and racial injustice [LONGER EVENT: 12:30PM-2:20PM]
Register at https://stanford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tC9UmEtfSOS8M8WBsK6hOw
Host: Debra Satz, Dean of H&S
Racial injustice:
Richard Banks (law). Race, inequality and the law (tentative title)
Richard Ford (law).
Allyson Hobbs (history). The Black Lives Matter Movement and the power of protest
Diversity and polarization:
James Fishkin (communication). Bridging political divide.
Hazel Markus (Psychology). Inclusion in diverse societies (tentative title)
Robb Willer (sociology). How to have better political conversations (tentative title)

October 27: U.S. Health policy in the COVID-19 era and beyond
Register at https://stanford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qdTODmXR2SmMrXxpNzYw
Kate Bundorf (School of Medicine). The coronavirus pandemic and the U.S. health care system
Lisa Chamberlain (Stanford Health Policy). Kids, Covid and child health policy
Mark Duggan (economics). Social security, Medicare, and health policy (tentative title)
Maria Polyakova (Center for health policy, Stanford School of Medicine). Subsidizing private insurance plans to provide Medicare and Medicaid benefits (tentative title)

November 3: No event (election day)

November 10: The election results and what’s next
Register at https://stanford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1eJ1SaaNTBif-X5860Dhlw
Emilee Chapman (political science). Democracy and voting.
Francis Fukuyama (FSI). Overcoming polarization
Anna Grzymala-Busse (political science). Populism around the world
Michael McFaul (political Science and FSI). U.S. foreign policy in dealing with the great power competition, China and Russia
November 17: Big challenges for the next decade

Register at https://stanford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qX_S07liQcaMxZFLHP70tA

Steven Chu (physics). What the world needs to become carbon neutral


Fei-Fei Li (computer science). The future of human centered AI

Walter Scheidel (classics). Will the pandemic remake society?