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Friday, November 15

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:15 - 11:00 a.m.	Plenary: The Political Economy of Debt
Anthony Paul Farley , James Campbell Matthews Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence, Albany Law School Tayyab Mahmud , Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Global Justice, Seattle University School of Law	Winifred Poster , Washington University St. Louis School of Social Work Ashton S. Phillips , Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Labor
11:00 - 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Concurrent Panels – Session 1
Capture, Corruption and the Regulatory State Martha McCluskey , Professor and William J. Magavern Faculty Scholar, SUNY Buffalo Law School Matthew Titolo , Associate Professor, West Virginia University College of Law James John Varellas III , PhD Candidate in Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley Dan Danielsen , Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law	Leveraging Tomorrow for Today With Debt, Austerity, and Taxes for the Masses Francine J. Lipman , William S. Boyd Professor of Law, University of Nevada Las Vegas Samuel Brunson , Assistant Professor of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law Phyllis Taite Smith , Associate Professor, Florida A&M University College of Law Randle B. Pollard , Assistant Professor of Business Law and Taxation, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University
1:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Lunch and Keynote Address
	Professor Akhil Gupta, Department of Anthropology and Director, Center for India and South Asia, University of California, Los Angeles
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Concurrent Panels – Session 2
Let’s Talk – A Conversation with Advocates Martha Matthews , Director, Children’s Rights Project, Public Counsel Matthew Sirolly , Director, Wage Justice Center Yolanda Vera , Senior Deputy for Health Care Services and Advocacy, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas’ Office Laura Streimer , Legal Director, Alliance for Children’s Rights Sylvia Argueta, Executive Director, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles Robyn Smith , Of Counsel, National Consumer Law Center, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	State Power, Exclusion and Legitimacy Priya S. Gupta , Associate Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School Manoj Mate Assistant Professor of Law, Whittier Law School; Director of the Center for International and Comparative Law; and Professor (by courtesy) of Political Science, Whittier College Stewart Chang , Assistant Professor of Law, Whittier Law School Sergio Latorre , Visiting Scholar, Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law Seval Yildirim , Associate Professor of Law, Whittier Law School and Asli Ü. Bâli , Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles School of Law
4:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15 - 5:45 p.m.	Concurrent Panels – Session 3
Complicating Race Lisa R. Pruitt , Professor of Law, University of California, Davis School of Law Hila Keren , Irving D. and Florence Rosenberg Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School Ernesto Hernández-López , Professor, Chapman University School of Law Camille Walsh , Assistant Professor, University of Washington Bothell and Sarudzayi Matambanadzo , Associate Professor of Law, Tulane University Law School	Public Law, Private Law and the Common Good Lesley K. McAllister , Professor of Law and Martin Luther King Jr. Hall Research Scholar, University of California, Davis School of Law René Reich-Graefe , Professor of Law, Western New England University School of Law Linda Coco , Associate Professor of Law, Barry University, Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law Danielle Kie Hart , Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Reception and Dinner

Saturday, November 16

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Concurrent Panels – Session 4
The Unwelcome Phoenix: Resurrection of Local Ordinances Impacting Undocumented Immigrant Communities Julia I. Vásquez , Supervising Attorney for the Immigration Law Clinic and Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School Cynthia Anderson Barker , Civil Rights and Criminal Defense Attorney Chris Newman , Legal Director of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON) Andrea Ramos , Director of the Immigration Law Clinic and Clinical Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School	Unequal Education Julie Nice , Herbst Foundation Professor of Law, University of San Francisco School of Law Terry Smith , Distinguished Research Professor of Law, DePaul University College of Law and Sumi Cho , Professor of Law, DePaul University College of Law Lucy Jewel , Associate Professor of Law, University of Tennessee Victoria Haneman , Visiting Professor of Law, University of Nevada Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 - 11:45 a.m.	Concurrent Panels – Session 5
Wages, Employment and Economic Development Nantiya Ruan , Lawyering Process Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law; Director of the Workplace Law Program, University of Denver; and Writing Adviser, DU Bar Success Program and Nancy Reichman , Professor, University of Denver Charlotte Garden , Assistant Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law Amy Kedron , Adjunct Professor of Business Law, University of Southern Florida and Founding Executive Director of Buffalo First Veena Dubal , Civil Rights Attorney, Ph.D. Candidate in Jurisprudence and Social Policy and Fellow at the Center for Research on Social Change, University of California, Berkeley	The Politics of Electoral Reform and the Myth of Voter Fraud Manoj Mate , Assistant Professor of Law, Whittier Law School; Director of the Center for International and Comparative Law; and Professor (by courtesy) of Political Science, Whittier College Timothy K. Kuhner , Associate Professor of Law, Georgia State University College of Law Atiba R. Ellis , Associate Professor of Law, West Virginia University College of Law Brian Sawers , Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch and Works in Progress*
Patience A. Crowder , Assistant Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Veena Dubal , Civil Rights Attorney, Ph.D. Candidate in Jurisprudence and Social Policy and Fellow at the Center for Research on Social Change, University of California, Berkeley Atiba R. Ellis , Associate Professor, West Virginia University College of Law Timothy K. Kuhner , Associate Professor of Law, Georgia State University College of Law Ashton S. Phillips , Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Labor	Jennifer Raso , SJD Candidate, University of Toronto Faculty of Law Julia I. Vásquez , Supervising Attorney for the Immigration Law Clinic and Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School Bela August Walker , Associate Professor of Law, Roger Williams University School of Law Eric A. Zacks , Assistant Professor of Law, Wayne State University Law School
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Panels – Session 6
Law, Citizenship and Community M. Isabel Medina , Ferris Family Distinguished Professor of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Arthur F. McEvoy , Associate Dean for Research and Paul E. Treusch Professor of Law Ezra Rosser , Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law Lisa T. Alexander , Associate Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School	Student Debt and Default: Reframing the Politics, Practices, and Possibilities Martha Mahoney , Professor of Law and Dean’s Distinguished Scholar, University of Miami School of Law Isaac Bowers , Senior Program Manager, Educational Debt Relief & Outreach, Equal Justice Works Lisa R. Pruitt , Professor of Law, University of California, Davis School of Law
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Break

About ClassCrits

ClassCrits is a network of scholars and activists interested in critical analysis of law and the economy. The global economic crisis, along with growing economic inequality and insecurity, suggests it is time to explore alternatives to the neoclassical or “free market” economic paradigm, often identified with the U.S. “Law and Economics” movement. The aim is to revive discussions of questions of class pushed to the margins or relegated to the shadowy past, considering the possible meaning and relevance of economic class to the contemporary context. The hope is to better integrate the rich diversity of economic methods and theories into law by exploring and engaging non-neoclassical and heterodox economics.

www.classcrits.wordpress.com

The name “ClassCrits” reflects an interest in focusing on economics through the lens of critical legal scholarship movements, such as critical legal studies, critical feminist theory, critical race theory, LatCrit, and queer theory. That is, start with the assumption that economics in law is inextricably political and fundamentally tied to questions of systemic status-based subordination. The ClassCrits group, and the blog in particular, hopes to start a discussion that puts economic inequality at the center rather than at the margins of mainstream law.

Saturday, November 16 (continued)

3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Tonya L. Brito, University of Wisconsin Law School
and Affiliate of the Institute for Research on Poverty
Andrea Freeman, Assistant Professor, William S. Richardson
School of Law, University of Hawaii, Manoa

Plenary: The Socioeconomics of Family Law

Sarudzayi Matambanadzo, Associate Professor of Law,
Tulane University Law School

4:45 - 5:00 p.m.

Break

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Plenary: Towards a Progressive Economic Theory

Angela P. Harris, Professor of Law, University of California,
Davis School of Law

Patrick Crawford, Crawford Tax Law Group, PC

Wendy A. Bach, Associate Professor of Law, University
of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Law

6:30 - 6:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

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Stuck in Forward?

DEBT, AUSTERITY AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE POLITICAL

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The economic crisis of 2008 was a referendum on the failures of deregulation and neoliberal ideology all over the world. Far from being a sophisticated mechanism to absorb and diffuse systemic economic risk, the crisis exposed a fragile global financial system characterized by dysfunctional imbalances of increasingly precarious and largely unregulated risk societies.

In the United States, the social contract of class mobility and the “American Dream” financed with “easy” credit was exposed as an empty promise. In the European context, the sovereign debt crisis resulted in the imposition of draconian austerity measures in several nation-states, like Greece, undermining social safety nets and wage structures, rupturing traditional alliances, and driving down individual standards of living.

At the same time, the Occupy Movement - and similar movements across the globe - refocused attention on socio-economic inequality for the first time in decades. The old ways of seeing things proved inadequate for framing the changing realities of the new post-recession world. But whatever the initial shock to the social order, political and financial elites everywhere have since doubled down on the failed neoliberal project with a mania for balancing budgets in the name of discredited austerity policies which have only accelerated neoliberalism’s upward transfer and concentration of wealth and intensified the class stratification in contemporary global societies.

Stuck in the grip of austerity groupthink and faced with nation states captured by elite interests - a trend only made worse in the United States by *Citizens United* - any movement forward will require creatively leveraging national political and legal systems as instruments for progressive economic change and deleveraging social class divides.

What are the possibilities and alternatives for a genuinely progressive economic project in an age of resurgent neoliberal policies and politics, worldwide shifts in population and demographics, and hegemonic economics? How can we address the challenges of our age including, but not limited to: globalization; shifting power relationships between the developed world and formerly “third world” countries; massive intergenerational and upward transfers of wealth; abject poverty; staggering debt; wage stagnation; a declining middle class; an increasingly dysfunctional food system; and environmental and climate risks that will require concerted national and international efforts.

Stuck in Forward? Debt, Austerity and the Possibilities of the Political will address these questions by bringing together scholars, economists, activists, policymakers, and others to critically examine and take stock of who wins, who loses, how the law facilitates the hierarchical and spatial distribution of winners and losers, and how we may use law and politics to develop both real and utopian interstitial spaces of classlessness within the new post-recession global order.

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