Payday Lenders and Credit Cards: A Hidden Driver of Income Inequality

For millions of working families, America’s slow payment system costs billions of dollars. The system needs technological innovation, but incumbency, economies of scale, and government may counter technological advancement. This lecture explores if the U.S. remains the dominant global standards setter for payment instruments.

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House Oversight of the Executive Branch in the 116th Congress

Democrats promised to undertake oversight of President Trump and the executive branch. This lecture will answer questions about the ability of the House of Representatives to fulfill one of Congress’s duties during the Trump administration and previews whether and how this oversight activity may impact the 2020 elections.

Can the United States Escape the Middle East?

The U.S. is beginning to pull back from the greater Middle East. However, violent crises, the continued risk of terrorism, and pressure from local partners are challenging the ability of the U.S. to leave the region. This lecture will present possibilities for a redefined American path that may lead the U.S. out of the Middle East.

Migrants and Refugees: Are they holding us back or pushing us forward?

It is often cited that human mobility is key to economic growth and productivity. Evidence also points to the economic costs and benefits of international migration for both the sending and receiving countries. This lecture explores if roads to economic growth and prosperity require restrictions to migration, or quite the contrary.