

EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW

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Ancient and Modern Equality

The idea of equality is one of the constituent features of Western identity. Bound up within it in an almost inextricable fashion are the legacy of the classical world and modern thought, the ancient polis and industrial society.

The aim of my lectures is to outline a genealogy of this character, beginning with two elements that made its birth possible: the invention of politics and democracy by the Greeks, and the invention of law by the Romans.

These were the two paradigms that enabled the modern construction of equality through the great revolutions of the eighteenth century, in America and France. And it is still from them that we must begin if we wish to ask ourselves what the future of this decisive experience will be.

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LECTURE 1

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 / 4 PM

The Greek Invention
of Democracy

Palmer Commons, Forum Hall

LECTURE 2

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 / 4 PM

The Roman Invention of Law

Palmer Commons, Forum Hall

LECTURE 3

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 / 4 PM

Economy and Inequality

Palmer Commons, Forum Hall

LECTURE 4

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 / 4 PM

The Global World: New
Problems and Old Answers

Palmer Commons, Forum Hall

GRADUATE STUDENT SEMINAR*

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 / 10 AM

Slavery in the First Book of Aristotle's "Politics"

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