The privatization of risk has become all the more stark in the past year with the collapse of the financial market, the rise in unemployment, record numbers of home foreclosures, continually rising health care costs and shrinking retirement funds. The Shared Responsibility, Shared Risk: Government, Markets, and Social Policy in the Twenty First Century project seeks to undertake an in-depth exploration of proposed solutions to reverse the privatization of risk in order to help protect the American worker and reinvigorate the economy.

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8:30 – 9:00 Registration and Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome and Launch
Siovahn Walker, Social Science Research Council (SSRC)
Michael Ettlinger, Vice President for Economic Policy, Center for American Progress (CAP)

9:30 – 10:30 Panel One
Inspirations & Challenges for Shared Responsibility, Shared Risk

The New Economic Insecurity and What Can Be Done About It
Jacob Hacker, Yale University

The American Challenge in Cross National Perspective
Neil Gilbert, UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare

The Arms of Democracy: The Place of Economic Security in the Nation’s Broader Security Agenda
Connor Raso, Stanford University

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 Panel Two
Improving the Climate for Family Economic Security
Moderator/Respondent: Eric Stein, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Consumer Affairs, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Public Policy Options to Build Wealth for America’s Middle Class
Christian Weller, Center for American Progress and University of Massachusetts, Boston
Amy Helburn, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Risk Allocation in Home Ownership: Reviewing the Role of Mortgage Contract Terms
Katherine Porter, UC Berkeley School of Law
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12:00 – 12:30  Keynote:
Conversation with Maria Shriver, First Lady of California
Implications of “The Shriver Report: A Woman’s Nation Changes Everything” on Shared Responsibility, Shared Risk
Moderator/Respondent: Ann O'Leary, Executive Director of Berkeley CHEFS and Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

12:30 – 1:15  LUNCH

1:15 – 2:30  Panel Three
Health & Retirement Security
Moderator/Respondent: Karen Davenport, Director of Health Policy, Center for American Progress

Health Security
Jacob Hacker, Yale University
Bigger and Better: Redesigning Our Retirement System in the Wake Of Financial Collapse
Alicia Munnell, Boston College
Government’s Role in Aging and Long Term Care
Andrew Scharlach and Amanda Lehning, UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare

2:30 – 2:45  Break

2:45 – 4:00  Panel Four
Family and Social Supports
Moderator/Respondent: Mark Greenberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Administration for Children & Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Income Security When Temporarily Away From Work
Stephen D. Sugarman, UC Berkeley School of Law
Responding to Changing Family and Workplace Demographics
Mary Ann Mason and Ann O'Leary, UC Berkeley School of Law
Intergenerational Risk Shifting
Alexander Hertel-Fernandez, Economic Policy Institute

4:00 – 4:30  Summary Panel
Trends in Government and How to Move Ahead
Public Opinion, Politics, Where to Go From Here
Jacob Hacker, Yale University and Ann O'Leary, Berkeley CHEFS
Respondent
Sarah Rosen Wartell, Center for American Progress

Closing Remarks