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The Triumph of Injustice

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Presentation begins at 12:45 p.m. in Room 110 Berkeley Law

Questions by Professor Eric Rakowski of Berkeley Law

****Lunch will be served beginning at 12:30****



Emmanuel Saez is Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for Equitable Growth at the University of California Berkeley. He received his PhD in Economics from MIT in 1999. His research focuses on inequality and tax policy. Jointly with Thomas Piketty, he created the top income share series that show a dramatic increase in US inequality since 1980. The data have been widely discussed in the public debate. His most recent book "The Triumph of Injustice", joint with his colleague Gabriel Zucman, narrates the demise of US progressive taxation and how to reinvent it in the 21st century. He received numerous academic awards including the John Bates Clark medal of the American Economic Association in 2009, a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship in 2010, and a Honorary degree from Harvard University in 2019.

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America's runaway inequality has an engine: our unjust tax system, Emmanuel Saez and co-author Gabriel Zucman argue. The ultra-rich have had their taxes collapse to levels last seen in the 1920s, while working-class Americans have been asked to pay more. The Triumph of Injustice presents a forensic investigation into this dramatic transformation, written by two economists who revolutionized the study of inequality.

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