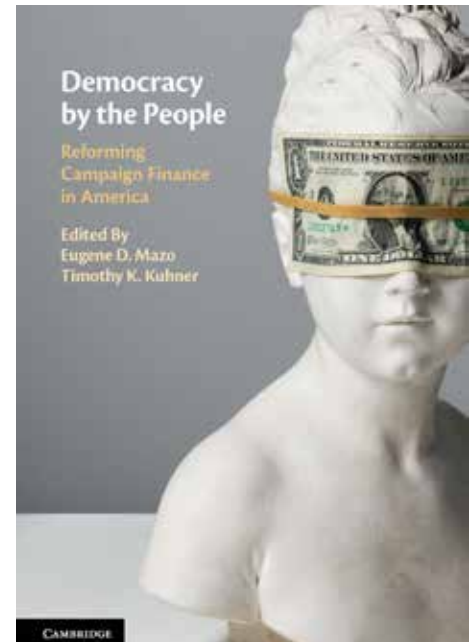


You are warmly invited to the Public Lecture of Associate Professor Timothy Kuhner

The Third Coming of American Plutocracy.

Date: Thursday 14 March 2019
Time: 6 - 7:30pm
Venue: Algie Lecture Theatre, Level 2,
Building 801, 9 Eden Cres
Pre-lecture refreshments: 5:15 - 6pm, Staff Common
Room, Level 4, Building 801



Associate Professor Tim Kuhner will present his new book, *Democracy by the People: Reforming Campaign Finance in America* (co-edited with Eugene Mazo and published in 2018 by Cambridge University Press). In order to introduce the topic of campaign finance reform, Tim will give a lecture entitled "The Third Coming of American Plutocracy." This lecture will have broad appeal, as it concerns the different ways American democracy has been hijacked by wealth and it will culminate in an analysis of how President Trump has added to the pre-existing problem of government by and for the wealthy. In conclusion, Tim will reflect on New Zealand's vulnerabilities the sort of plutocracy and "legalized corruption" that has become well established in the United States.



Associate Professor Timothy Kuhner is known for his uncompromising approach to the law of democracy. Apart from his new book, *Democracy by the People*, Kuhner also recently co-wrote a short film called *The Struggle Against Corruption* with staff at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. In the film, he warns of democracy's vulnerabilities to greed and authoritarianism. Kuhner is most known for his book, *Capitalism v. Democracy: Money in Politics and the Free Market Constitution* (Stanford University Press, 2014). A critically acclaimed exposé on constitutional interpretation, that book explores how the U.S. Supreme Court justifies government by the wealthy. Kuhner's next books will address Trump's presidency and the prospects for a constitutional amendment to separate business and state.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to
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