

# THE RISE AND FALL OF THE SECOND AMERICAN REPUBLIC

Sinha's talk will look at the brief triumph of Reconstruction when the Second American Republic was founded and its long unwinding until the end of the nineteenth century. Like France and Latin America, this talk will illustrate that the United States has experienced the rise and fall of distinct republics rather than the continuous and unbroken history of American republicanism of conventional historical narratives. The Civil War itself many contemporaries felt was a Second American Revolution and emancipation portended a re-founding of the American Republic. Constitutional amendment and federal civil rights laws that established black freedom and national citizenship remade the Republic, vastly expanding the power of the federal government.

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